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The main business of a christian is living the christian life. This living is described under different figures in God's word. One figure is that of fruit-bearing and we are urged to abide and bear much fruit. Again, it is declared to be a warfare and the challenge is to endure hardness and fight the good fight of faith. Still again is it spoken of as a walk and the appeal is to walk worthily and circumspectly. In our text it is described as a God-appointed contest and we are urged to 'run with patience the race that is set before us.'

Gathered, as we are tonight, on the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of our convention, inspired by the noble motives that prompted its founders, heartened by the story of their struggle and achievements and challenged by the problems and opportunities of the course that lies out before us, it seems only fitting that we meditate for a season on our main business—living the christian life—under the figure set forth in our text:—"Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith."

Seeking the leadership of the Holy Spirit, I shall strive to lead you in this meditation in the simplest sort of way, and we want to group our thoughts around the three words, Seeing, Running, Looking.

Seeing

The word seeing gives us the setting for this God-appointed contest. The setting for any athletic contest is always interesting. Around the arena can be seen the massed multitude eager for the starting signal. Some are there simply for the excitement of the game. Some are there anxious for the success of certain contestants and others are just as anxious for their defeat. Then there are those who have had similar experiences in other days and are back to watch their successors, as well as to note any progress in the sports. Last, and by no means least, are the judges whose duty is to reward or to condemn.

A crowd is always exhilarating. By-standers always put the players on their toes; but the fact that they have as their guests those who have endured the grind of training, the test of opposition and the tug of the contest and have come out to be crowned with the chaplet of victory provides the supreme challenge. These have been their ideals. They have studied their lives in the days of their training. From them they have learned how to overcome their own handicaps as well as to appreciate the rules of the game, and now the remembrance of their successes heartens them in their endeavors. This is true in all the walks of life. Well has it been said, "The lives of great men all remind us that we may make our lives sublime and departing leave behind us footprints on the sands of time."

No doubt, the author of our text was familiar with such conditions. Out of these experiences he paints the picture of the christian race; but, in doing so, he presents with boldness one particular group. He calls attention to the Aces, the Stars—to those who have RUN and WON. In the eleventh chapter of Hebrews he calls the attention of the Hebrew Christians to the galaxy of the heroes of faith in Old Testament times. He calls many by name and recites their definite achievements, always careful to show that each victory was a victory of faith. Then, reminding them that there were many others whose names and deeds could not be recited, he describes them as 'so great a cloud of witnesses'. He indicates that these are more than spectators. They testify. A review of their lives would reveal the method and secret of their remarkable achievements, and surely the author would have these lives become an example, an encouragement and a challenge to the Hebrew Christians in their God-appointed contest.

Such a view becomes ours tonight, and, as we contemplate that scene, we can visualize not only those mentioned in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, but multitudes of others who have run and won from that day until now. Especially should Mississippi Baptists sense the warmth of the presence and testimony of those who have proven themselves heroes of faith in our state. As the inspired writer caled the roll and reviewed the records of the faithful of Old Testament times so we can contemplate the lives and review the records of those who have run successfully the christian race among our own people.

Studying our own, we see those who, as Missionaries, have blazed the trails into far away Heathen lands and held up the torch of salvation and civilization. Then there are those who did the work of pioneering within our own Mississippi. Besides there are those men (and women, not a few) who through great tribulation and sacrifice, have seen their dreams come true concerning Christian Education. Likewise, Ambassadors of christian sympathy, in the face of indifference and opposition, have made the religion of Jesus practical and effective to the needy and suffering in Orphanages and Hospitals.

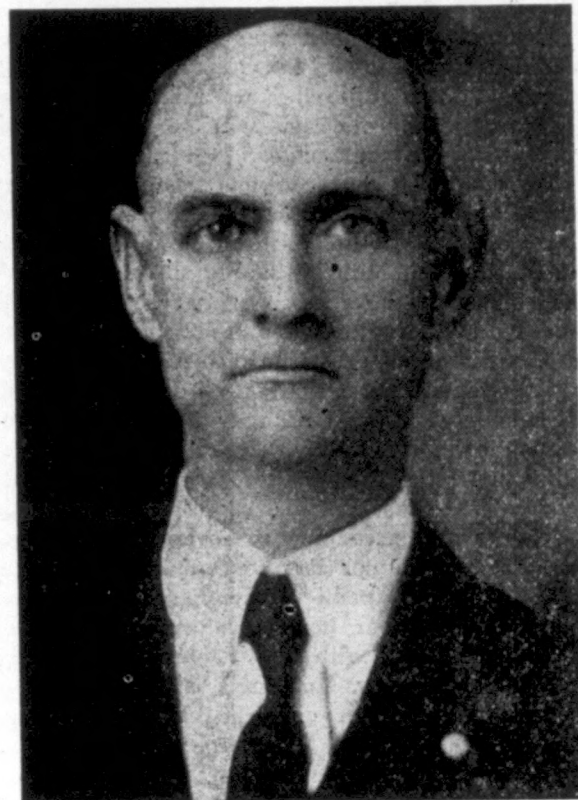
Surely as we visualize these for ourselves they bring to us a heartening challenge.

Running

That challenge centers in the second word of our meditation and in the second division of our text:—"Lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us". These words indicate very clearly the running we must do if we are to run successfully in our God-appointed contest.

First, It must be un-encumbered running. Under ordinary circumstances, contestants follow their own fancies as to the mode of dress; but, when they come to the hour of contest, these are laid aside for such uniforms as are least hindering.

Sometimes weights are used in training; but these are removed when the runner toes the mark for the race. Likewise the christian is urged to lay aside every hinderance to the christian race,



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and these hinderances are described as weights, and the 'sin that doth so easily beset.'

What are some of the weights to be laid aside? Turn to the 14th chapter of Luke and you will get something of an answer to this question. Verse 26 reads, "If any man cometh unto me and hateth not his own father and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he can not be my disciple" Verse 33 says, "So therefore, whosoever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath, he can not be my disciple". Anything that has a tendency to come between us and our service for the Master might well be termed a weight, whether it be family, worldly pleasure, indulgence, ease, position, title, fame or money.

Little interest in such things is found in the lives of those mentioned by the author of Hebrews in his roll of the faithful, and where such interest dominates it at once bedims the lustre of those lives and bespeaks a warning to us lest a similar fate be ours. The same can be said concerning those who blazed the trails and opened the way for such glorious achievements in Mississippi during the past century. They loved their families, but they loved their Master more. They sought not the accumulation of material wealth, but were satisfied to 'lay up treasures in Heaven'. They were not place hunters, save as they sought a place to serve the Lord. Lovers of ease would never have plunged into the midst of dense forests, forded streams, slept in caves or out-of-doors in order that an ever expanding civilization might be permeated with the principles of Christianity. They counted not their own lives dear unto themselves that they might run successfully the race set before them. Even so must we beware of these weights if we respond worthily to the challenge of those who have run and won in days gone by.

And what about 'the sin that doth so easily beset us'? The weights to which I have referred are

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Sparks and Splinters

North Carolina Baptists reduced their Convention debt by \$50,000 in the past year.

Did you get that sign of recovery: The Foreign Mission Board of Richmond recently appointed fifteen new missionaries, thirteen to China, one to Africa and one to Brazil.

Southern Seminary alumni will have a banquet during the Convention in Natchez, at the Jefferson St. Methodist Church Wednesday at 5:45 P. M. Plates 50c each. Speaker Dr. G. S. Dobbins.

Pastor J. E. Barnes writes that they will have a Union Thanksgiving service at Ocean Springs at the Baptist Church, the Methodist pastor preaching. The collection will be divided three ways with the orphanages.

Rev. J. C. Richardson has resigned at Bay Springs and Sylva. He goes to Beauregard, La., with the Civilian Conservation Corps, presumably as chaplain. He served as chaplain with the Mississippi boys in the A. E. F. during the war. We are sorry to lose him from the pastorate in Mississippi but pray the Father's richest blessings on him in his new field of service.

The Rienzi Baptist Church heartily and enthusiastically called Rev. Clarence Palmer to remain as pastor for another year. The records show for the last 22 months in addition to his pastoral work, preaching in revivals and travel, that brother Palmer has conducted 347 mission services in jails, penitentiary, CCC camps, beer joints, county poor homes, colored schools and colored churches, with 591 requests for prayer and 177 professions. Much of this work was done that is untouched or unworked by other ministers.

The Christian Chinese in the Delta have large plans for their future. They must make some provision for educating their children, as they are not allowed to attend the schools for white children. At Cleveland there is a large group of them who are members of the white Baptist church. They have a service on Sunday afternoon for the Chinese, the Sunday school and other services being conducted in the Chinese language. They are proposing now to organize a church of their own and build a church house and a school house. They are liberal givers themselves, and some friends have assured them of help. The Home Mission Board sent a missionary among them recently who is to lead them in their plans of work. And the Home Board has assured them of further help in building. Dr. Eavenson, the pastor at Cleveland, and Dr. Dobbs who teaches in Delta State Teachers College, are interested in their plans of work, and so are other friends. These Chinese people are thrifty and make good citizens and faithful Christians. Here is an opportunity for all of us to help.

"The Lift of a Far View," is the subject of the first sermon and so the title of a new book published by the American Baptist Publication Society. It is one of the many answers being given to the suggestion of a "moratorium on preaching." Evidently people are reading sermons. There may be a falling off in attendance on preaching in some places but a man with a message is still sought after, and publishers are getting out more books of sermons than ever before. And there's a reason. The reason is people are reading them and profiting by them. This volume of sermons is by Dr. Albert Wm. Beaven, born in a preacher's home in Idaho, educated in Rochester, pastor in that city for many years and now president of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. He has been president of the Northern Baptist Convention and of the Federal Council of Churches. These sermons are on great themes which are worthy of real study, such as The Power of An Endless Life; Value and Danger of the Critical Spirit; How We May Be Sure of God; The Scientific Spirit in the Spiritual Realm; Christ the Giver of Peace. The book has 162 pages and sells for \$1.00.

Dr. C. L. Breland of Richmond, Ky., son of our R. L. Breland preached the convention sermon for Kentucky Baptists last week.

Brother Joe Canzoneri was recently in meetings in Nashville and Humboldt, Tenn. He is now with Dr. Norman W. Cox in a meeting in Fifth Avenue Church, Huntingdon, W. Va.

Rev. Fleetwood Ball was elected clerk of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, a position he has held for many years. He has resigned as pastor at Lexington, Tenn., where he has served for probably thirty years. The next meeting of their convention will be held at Knoxville.

Mrs. Modena Lowrey Berry, vice-president emerita of Blue Mountain College, celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday Monday. We join her host of friends in congratulating her and thanking the Lord for her useful life. She has been with the college since its beginning in 1873 and even yet is said to be a regular attendant at the chapel services.

Two fine young men were ordained as deacons by Liberty Church, Smith County, on Nov. 8, Earl Thornton and Aaron Henderson. Rev. J. C. Bankston led the examination, and G. O. Parker preached the sermon; prayer by Pastor D. W. Moulder and Rev. Wm. Westbrook. Brother Westbrook was ordained to the ministry by this church a month before. He had been preaching for the Campbellites. Pastor Moulder was assisted in the ordination by brother G. T. Henderson.

The Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis reports the best year since 1929. Plans are making for a \$350,000 addition to the building. This will include a new X-Ray Laboratory and physiotherapy department and 100 more beds for patients. It is announced that this will be done without soliciting contributions, but paid for out of income from other sources than patients' fees for rooms and treatment. There have been 14,608 patients admitted in the past year or an average of 325 a day. In 24 years there have been 230,000 patients treated. In the past year \$272,000 worth of charity work has been done, or more than two million and a half in ten years, said to be the largest amount of charity work done by any hospital in the South except tax supported institutions. The total income of the Hospital for the past year was \$1,152,777.62; disbursements \$1,145,541.47. There have been 8,876 operations in the past year. Average number in the training school 178. The value of the property is put at \$2,747,236.15, with liabilities of \$165,615.33.

The conflict in Spain presents one of the strangest spectacles in modern history. In the first place the sort of neutrality that has been adopted by surrounding nations is a new thing under the sun. Hitherto it has been the universally acknowledged procedure for nations to favor existing established governments, and to discourage any effort to overthrow them. In the present case neutrality has favored the enemies of the government, and the advantage has been on the side of the rebels. It is clear that the insurgents have gotten men and war materials from Italy, Portugal and Germany, without which it would have been impossible to carry on. Propaganda has been most favorable to the insurgents, and newspapers which are supposed to report facts without coloring, have astutely favored the enemies of the Spanish government and people. The chief fighting against the existing Spanish government has been led, not by Spaniards, but by Moors from Africa. These are descendants of the people who overran Spain in the middle ages, and came near making it permanently a Mohamedan nation. They are leading the fight in Spain and against the Spanish people. Those who favor despotism and are against the rights of the people sympathize with the insurgents and Moors from Africa. The Pope is hoping to profit by the restoration of the dictatorship in Spain, probably under a monarchy with the degenerate Bourbons on the throne. The people of Spain are fighting desperately for their lives and their liberty, even women marching beside the men. The insurgents have killed thousands of non-combatants, including women and children. The prospect for peace in Spain is a long way off.

The Arkansas Methodist does credit to the denomination in that state with a 48 page centennial edition on Nov. 12. Congratulations.

Shreveport Baptists have Dr. C. O. Johnson of St. Louis as preacher for two days, Nov. 24-25, and they put him through full-time work.

If you don't get it out of the Bible, it is hardly worth carrying along through life. If you do get it from the Bible it will increase in value as long as you live. And there's plenty of it in there, that nobody has ever gotten out.

Pastor Allred has resigned the care of Pinola and other churches nearby and located in Jones County, having purchased a farm, but will continue preaching to churches within reach of him.

Thomastown Baptist Church, Leake County, extends to all former pastors and absentee members an invitation to attend the service of Dedication of the new church building Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26. State workers are also invited.

You could hardly expect to cut kindling with your razor without taking the keen edge off of it. And preachers have always found it difficult to engage in any money making enterprise and not lose their spiritual zest.

The youngest sister of Charles Haddon Spurgeon passed away recently. She is said to have had in her possession many precious personal memorials of her famous brother, which she has given to Spurgeon's College in London.

"Preachers and bootleggers are working together for prohibition." That's what a member of the legislature said a few months ago, and he had paid a fine for bootlegging. But it had been a long time since he worked with preachers for anything.

You have observed that men who bore for gas, or oil or even for water, though they have acres under their control, nevertheless make their borings only a few inches in diameter and go down deep into the earth. We preachers might learn something from them when we take a text and go to prepare a sermon.

Rev. C. F. Hinds who went recently from Tunica to the church in Louisville, Ky., is busy and happy. Two conversions past Sunday, large congregations. The church is building a Sunday school annex which will accommodate 600. He sends affectionate greetings to the Mississippi brotherhood.

An editorial in a recent issue of the Commercial Appeal warns against "extreme wets" and "extreme dries." This is a good deal like the man who when asked about heaven and hell, replied that must be impartial as he had friends in both places. Or like the modernist preacher who, being asked whether there was a hell or not, replied there were two sides to the question and he occupied an intermediate position.

Pastors in the southeastern part of the state meet at First Church, Laurel, Nov. 23. The program includes Devotional by W. P. Stewart, What a Layman Expects of a Pastor by Harry Smallwood; Fourth Time Churches by P. G. Harper; Full Time Churches by G. O. Parker; General Discussion of Church Problems; Sermon by T. R. Coulter; Study of Rom. 4 by E. T. Mobberly; Romans 5 by L. E. Green; Rom. 1 by B. S. Hillburn.

One danger that besets a preacher who doesn't go to college is that he soon begins to feel that he is all alone in the world and that other preachers are against him, and that he isn't getting a square deal. This is apt to make him sour and critical and possibly envious of those who seem to have advantages which he did not have. And it is hard for one who once gets sour to get sweet again. Young preachers owe it to the Lord and the churches to make the best possible preparation for their work.

Dr. S. S. Goldwater, so says the Watchman-Examiner, City Commissioner of Hospital in New York City, says that excessive drinking there is increasing by leaps and bounds. In 1934 Bellevue Hospital had 7,649 cases of acute alcoholism. This year they are receiving them at the rate of 12,378 or about 75% increase. And yet the Times-Picayune of New Orleans stultifies itself and insults the intelligence of its readers by saying that drunkenness is on the decrease.

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not sins in themselves; but become hinderances when we allow their influence to dominate our lives. However, there is a sin that besets, that easily lays hold. Often we hear the statement, "That is my besetting sin"; but, let me remind you that our text is addressed to a group and speaks of the sin that so easily besets all of them. What is that sin?

When I recall that the roll call in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews is a roll call of the worthies of Faith: when I recall the part that faith, or the lack of it, played in the experiences of men in the days of the Master, as expressed in such Scriptures as, "O, ye of little faith"; "According to your faith, be it unto you"; "Go thy way thy faith hath made the whole"; As I review my own life or study casually the lives of those about me and then hark back to that ringing question of Jesus, "Nevertheless, when the Son of Man cometh shall he find (the) faith on the Earth?" (Luke 18:8b. Rev. Ver.) I am persuaded that the sin which doth so easily beset us is doubt, unbelief, lack of faith. The victories of the christian life are the victories of faith and the failures thereof or the fruits of doubt and disobedience. Alas, too many of us doubt and disobey the will of God concerning our personal habits and lives. We are prone to question God's plan for the accomplishment of his purpose and substitute plans of our own. Sometimes we are tempted to doubt the wisdom of undertaking and to wonder as to the outcome of it all. He who would run successfully the race of life must shake off his fears, drive away his doubts, and fill his heart with faith in the wisdom, power and plan of God.

Second the running must be with patience. The word for patience here does not convey the idea of passive submission. It means active, positive, persistence, perseverance in the face of all opposition. This race is not a morning jaunt to be trotted for pleasure or exercise: rather, it is a contest with an opposition which demands our best if we shall succeed. It is not a fifty yard dash nor a quarter mile run. This is a marathon. This race is not one to be run on a cinder path under most favorable circumstances: it is a cross country run with all sorts of hinderances. No, the christian race is not a Sunday morning or a protracted meeting affair. It is not a matter for consideration only under pleasant conditions: nor is it a contest to pursue or to lay down at our pleasure. This is indeed a marathon race. In duration, it includes the life-time of the christian; in requirements, it demands all that we are and have; in development it reaches from christian infancy—babes in Christ Jesus—to full manhood, the perfect likeness of Jesus Christ; and in scope it carries us from our nearest friend to the uttermost parts of the Earth.

The sad things about too many of us is that some one might well ask, "Ye were running well, who hindered you that ye should not obey the truth?" In these latter years, we have feasted so much on the comforts blessings and rewards of the Gospel that we are inclined to be at "ease in Zion" and to forget that we are to "endure hardness". Well might the old Hymn writer say to us, "Church of God whose conquering banners float along the glorious years,

Gathering Harvest rich and golden, sowed in poverty and tears:

Onward press, the cross is bending far towards the morning skies,

Speedy dawn of light portending: Church of God awake, arise!

In your costly temples praying, "Let thy kingdom come, we pray",

Are but words of idle meaning, if with these we turn away.

Boundless wealth to you is given, from the land that owns it all

And his eye beholds in Heaven what we render back for all".

What we need is a patience that will produce her perfect work, leading us on to perfection.

The third prerequisite of the successful christian race is that it be "God-appointed,—the race

that is set before us'. This indicates the authority and direction of our Redeemer. Your course and mine is not of our own choosing; but of him 'whose we are and whom we serve'; and it matters not how much consecration and patience we put into it, all will be failure unless we follow the course mapped out for us by him. "Not my will, but thine be done" is the way of victory.

Un-encumbered, Patient, God-appointed, these are the elements of the victorious christian race. What a contest, the contest of Faith! What a victory, the victory over self, sin and Satan! What a reward, 'the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus'!

Looking

And now, Looking,—looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. This word and the third division of our text reveal the secret and the assurance of the reward just referred to. The word, Looking, has a much stronger meaning than the word, Seeing. It conveys the idea of dependence on the object considered as the source of supply. In the cloud of witnesses we are to behold worthy examples of the achievements of faith; but Christ is the perfect example. He is more, for he is the one to whom we are to look for the faith that will enable us to accomplish. He is the originator of our faith, the builder of it and the one who brings it to consummation in our lives.

Some time ago a good brother gave me a story which, I think, illustrates the point. A young man was giving his first Violin recital. As he stepped to the stage and looked out on the sea of faces, confusion gripped him. Pausing for a moment and studying his audience, he caught, yonder in the upper gallery, the eyes of his Teacher. He found in him what he needed for that moment. From him he had gotten his first lesson. Through his patience he was led to master his unwieldy fingers. He had directed him in his efforts towards technique and skill. From him had come all he had of the knowledge and meaning of music and he had fired him with the ambition to be the embodiment and expression of it all. He had made him what he was and now drinking from his eyes sympathy and encouragement, he touched fingers and bow to the strings and brought forth from the violin music that charmed his hearers. So with Jesus, our Lord and Master. He gave our souls, dead in sin, the first pulse of life. He spoke the words that are food for the souls he made live. He shod us with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace; he gives us strength for every endeavor and grace for every trial. He is our all and all and in him we 'live and move and have our being'. Jesus is indeed 'the author and perfecter of our faith. 'He who began a good work in us will perfect it unto the day of Jesus Christ' and looking unto him, with whom there is no lack, we can overcome any opposition and out-distance any foe.

Other powers have sought to become the center of the Christian's interest, coming with suggestions as to new methods of progress and easier roads to victory; but they have always proven to be seducing spirits, whose only purpose was to destroy. Distractions come that would draw our eyes away from the race set before us and from the one to whom we must look for our ideal and the faith that strengthens our lives; but we must look steadily on, for as there is salvation in none other, so the God who has been 'the help of ages past' is the only 'hope for the ages yet to come'.

Now we come to the close of our meditation. These are some of the thoughts that have come to me as I have sought to discover and apply the teachings of our text. You have followed me kindly and, while you may not agree with me in all my interpretations and applications, I believe you are ready to give assent to the truthfulness of the general trend of the discussion. Now, what shall we do about it?

Brethren and Sisters, we stand at the threshold of a new century as a Baptist State Convention. Much has been accomplished within our state and out to the ends of the Earth by the constituency of the churches that have made up this Convention during the past one hundred years; but much yet needs to be done and we must begin the doing of it. My judgment is that, as we survey the field

and gird ourselves for the undertakings ahead, we could do no better than to give full heed to the appeal of the inspired writer as set forth in our text:— Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. I beg you let us do that tonight. Study that great cloud of witnesses: those of all the centuries, but especially those who have wrought in and from Mississippi during the past century. See their lives, their service and their achievements. I shall not call the roll now nor relate the story of their trials and successes. One more worthy will depict, for us, the lives of some of the leaders later during the Convention; but as you review them now I am sure you can recall some who by humble yet purposeful living back yonder in your old home church have made themselves worthy witnesses to you of the fruits of faith. As you contemplate those you will pardon me for calling attention to just one such. To me, we are on sacred soil tonight. More than fifty years ago, there hung from the side door of the old building that stood here a cobbler's sign bearing the name, S. White. In that shop, day by day, sat that quiet little man faithfully and efficiently making or mending shoes for those who sought his services. They kept him busy; but never too busy to attend the mid-week prayer services at the old Wall Street Baptist Church. At the Sunday services and at the business meetings as well, he was as punctual and as interested as he was in the duties of this shop. He had one seat in the old church and that seat bore the impress of his body while the carpet and floor in front of that seat ever manifested the wear of his feet and knees. He was neither rich nor eloquent of speech; but he was an Epaphroditus to every pastor he ever had. His life was an inspiration and a challenge to young and old while he lived and those living now, who knew him then, his life bears testimony to the worth and blessings of a life of faith. Look each one of you up to one such tonight and gather anew the secret and the meaning of his life or hers. As we feel the urge of these lives, may we search our own lives for any weight that might hinder us in the contests ahead of us, and whether it be self-seeking, pleasure, ease, worldly possessions, formality, professionalism, or whatever it may be, let us strip it from us. Give no place to indifference nor to complaining; but with an ever growing assurance of faith in the wisdom and power of God let us press forward with constancy and determination.

Look unto Jesus! Beholding in him the ideal of perfection, let us determine to live finer, purer lives. Seeing in him a life of sacrifice, let us determine to live more unselfishly and sacrificially. Seeing in him the embodiment of sympathy, let us strive to be more sympathetic. Knowing him to be the author and the perfecter of our faith, let us lose ourselves in him that we may have that fullness of power whereby we shall be able to achieve that which is well-pleasing in his sight. Then shall we 'run and not be weary, we shall walk and not faint.' Then shall we build worthily on foundations laid by others and lay worthy foundations for those who shall come after us. Then shall more of the world take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus and be constrained to turn with us into him for salvation and for the life that leadeth unto victory and glorious reward. Then, with our race well run, we can join the company of the worthies where our lives will bear encouraging testimony unto others in their efforts for the Master. So shall the God-appointed contest be carried on until every foe is vanquished and the Judge of all the Earth shall come in his glory to crown the victors and speak unto the faithful his 'well done'.

"Even so run; that ye may attain"

—BR—

They too came by water and by blood. The first Baptist settlers in Mississippi came down the Tennessee, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to Natchez, and some of their party were killed by Indians on the way.

EDITORIALS

RELIGION SUPERNATURAL AND PERSONAL

There is much today that is spoken of as religion which cannot be properly classed under this head. Until we have come to realize that the religion of the Lord Jesus is a matter of revelation and of divine interposition in the individual life we have not known its essential character. And until it becomes in each of us a matter in which God himself works in a way which man cannot work, and which man cannot even understand, then we have not come into possession of its benefits. Religion is not merely a recognition of the existence of God, or even his presence in the world, but it is personal contact with God in such a way that our whole being is made over again, inside and out.

This is the lesson of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus. Nicodemus began the conversation, but Jesus took it out of his hands immediately. It was evidently Nicodemus' idea that he needed a little more light, but Jesus showed him that what he needed was new life. Light does not come without life. "In him was life and the life was the light of men." At first Nicodemus was disposed to be cynical: "Can a man enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born? How can a man be born when he is old?" There are relicts of such infidelity today among those who like Nicodemus hold high place. All their elegant ethical teaching needs to be brought down around their ears like a house of cards. Just as was done with Nicodemus. And there is nothing like the sledge hammer of "Ye must be born again," for bringing it down.

There is only one way to get into the kingdom of God, and that is to be born again, to be the subject of the working of the Spirit of God within us until we have been remade within and without. Until this has been made clear to the mind of every inquirer, there is no hope for him, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. And he won't be born again until he is made to see that there is no hope for him except by the merciful interposition and supernatural working of the Spirit of God. When Nicodemus said the second time, "How can these things be," he was getting serious. Captiousness and cynicism were gone. He really wanted to know.

But Jesus was not going to let him off lightly. It was a matter of too much consequence. He had told him that religion was not just a matter between man and man; but a matter between man and God. That which is born of flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit. What you get from man is one thing; that which you get from God is quite another and a different thing. But the dealings of God with the soul of man are just as real, just as much a matter of demonstration as our dealings with men. The wind blows where it will. You can't tell how or whence it comes. But its effects are quite evident. So it is in the spiritual birth. The process may be beyond our knowledge, but the reality of the effects are just as clear as the effect of the wind in the trees. God moves men by His Spirit, breathes upon them, and they are convicted of sin and restored to God.

What business, Nicodemus, have you teaching other folks, if you don't know this? "Thou the teacher among God's people, and understandest not these things!" You are trying to teach and don't know the heart of the Bible message! But Jesus says "We speak that which we know and bear witness of that which we have seen." That is the first qualification of a teacher. And Jesus is the only one qualified to speak with authority about heavenly things. Why should a man hesitate to accept his testimony? Where shall we go if we take not His? Here Jesus makes an assault on Nicodemus' unreasonable unbelief, upon his inner line of resistance: "If I told you earthly things and ye believe not, how shall ye believe if I tell you of heavenly things?" His outer defenses had been broken down before he came to Jesus. He said, "We know that thou art a teach-

er come from God." But that is not enough, there must be the full, personal acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Savior. Did he yield?

But Jesus did not let this conversation close without telling Nicodemus the thing on which his faith must take hold. The Son of man will be lifted up, must be lifted up. Will your faith take hold on that? It is one thing to believe that Jesus is a teacher come from God, it is another to look upon Him as he is lifted up on the cross for our sins and trust Him now as the propitiation for sins before God. We must go with Him to the cross. We must trust Him there as he offers Himself to God as the satisfaction for our sins. Here is where life begins; where the soul is born anew.

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TEACHERS AND WITNESSES

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This is the age of teachers, in the pulpit, in the Sunday school and in the classroom. The character of the ministry has changed and is changing. In many respects there has been decided improvement. People who go to church want to learn something; and those who go to Sunday school go with the same desire. They are disappointed if they go away from the house of God without knowing more about God, or his word than they knew when they went there. They have a right to expect of the preacher or the Sunday school teacher that he shall have made such preparation as will enable him to leave a deposit of truth in the hearts of the hearers that will abide with them for the enrichment of their lives. Teaching is one of the chief functions of the gospel ministry. The man who doesn't know something about the word which he can transfer to the hearer has no business in the pulpit or at the teacher's place in the Sunday school class.

But teaching the word of God cannot be separated from witnessing. The two are not identical, but they are inseparable, if teaching is to do any good. This conception of teaching and witnessing is found in the conversation of Jesus with Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a teacher. Jesus said to him (verse 10, chapter 3 of John's Gospel), "Art thou the teacher of Israel and understandest not these things?" But with Nicodemus teaching was more or less perfunctory. He merely passed on what he picked up from somebody else. He was not like the sawyer at a lumber mill who turned logs into planks. He was like the piece of machinery that merely carried these planks off on revolving wheels and deposited them in a pile.

He recognized Jesus as a teacher also, but he saw that Jesus was different: "Thou art a teacher come from God." It was plain that Jesus spoke with an accent and a conviction that Nicodemus knew nothing about. They all saw that he spoke with authority. He was not merely a teacher; he was a witness. And there's a difference, and it is important. Jesus makes clear the difference before he finishes with Nicodemus. After He had said, "Art thou the teacher of Israel and understandest not these things?" He said by way of contrast, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, we speak that which we know, and bear witness of that which we have seen." The contrast is twofold: one is "we know" as against what is just passed along. The other is "we bear witness," and that is more than teaching. It is telling something out of personal experience. And that is what makes teaching the word of God effective. It is not effective when this element of personal experience is left out. That is why a Salvation Army man saves more people than the learned expositor. And that is what makes an expositor's message sink into your soul, when it is soaked in personal experience.

It is worth noticing that in speaking of bearing witness Jesus says "we." This is not only in contrast with Nicodemus' way of teaching. It is to indicate that Jesus associates his own disciples with Him in this matter of witnessing. In other sentences in the conversation he says "I," using the singular pronoun. Here he says "we." Jesus meant for all who represent Him, all who teach in His name to have this same

quality in their teaching. They are not merely to pass on something which they have learned out of a book, or from somebody else' teaching or preaching. Their teaching must have the accent of personal experience. In other words teaching and witnessing must go hand in hand.

We have a good many catechism Christians, people who have learned about religion in the same way they learned the multiplication table. And there are some people who in their homes, or in the Sunday school, or in the church, are just dishing out to others what somebody has taught them. Of the genuine Christian it is said, "They shall all be taught of God." And there's a difference. And the difference is that between being saved and being lost.

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TAKE HEED HOW HE BUILDETH

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These are Paul's words in First Corinthians, when he was writing to a church which had a succession of preachers, and which seemed divided in opinion as to their comparative worth. Paul had laid the foundation at Corinth and he says very plainly that other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now this being settled, the next important matter is that care should be exercised as to how the building is constructed on this foundation. The foundation being right, the building must be done right.

This week our Baptist people of Mississippi assembled in Natchez to celebrate one hundred years of Baptists working together for the kingdom of God. We are praising God for His favor upon us through these years, so that the feeble folk of one hundred years ago have become a great company of believers. Jacob after spending a score of years in Padan Aram said, "With my staff I passed over this Jordan and now I am become two hands." Baptists of Mississippi have by the favor of God come to number as many as all other Christian bodies combined. This awakens gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility.

Others have laid the foundation, and now it is ours to build thereon. The foundations have been well laid. Our fathers believed in God and they believed in Jesus Christ His Son. They preached Christ Crucified who is the power of God and the wisdom of God. We have all reason to be grateful for the sure foundation which our fathers laid in the unchangeable, indestructible truth of God in Christ our Lord. And now it is ours to build thereon.

Paul says, "If any man buildeth on the foundation gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, stubble; each man's work shall be made manifest: for The Day shall declare it, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire shall prove each man's work of what sort it is." A hundred years hence, if the Lord should tarry so long, men will be passing judgment upon the sort of material we have put into the building of the kingdom of God, and the workmanship. We have our opportunity today. Tomorrow it will be gone.

There are two things which determine the value of the work we do. If these are present with us we need not fear the result. If they are not in us, then our works will be destroyed as by fire. These two things are first a deep and loyal faith in the Bible as the infallible word of God and in the Cross of Jesus Christ as the only hope of salvation. The second thing is a consuming passion to carry this saving truth to lost men. If we have the first we are sure to have the second. If we do not have the first, it is impossible to have the second.

What we have called the first here may be considered in two parts: (1) faith in the Bible as the authoritative revelation of the will of God, and (2) the record therein of the atonement for sin which Christ made on the cross. If we adhere to these we will never go far wrong. If we depart from these, there is no reason for our existence, and the sooner we give place to somebody who does believe it, the better. All heresy starts with loose conceptions about the authority of the Bible, and with vague ideas about the way to be saved. If a man gets away from the truth here, he will never be found securely on it anywhere.

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In this first letter to the Corinthians Paul speaks plainly and unequivocally on this question. He says that he determined not to know anything among them save Jesus Christ and him crucified. He says again I preach Christ crucified, the wisdom of God and the power of God. And in the matter of scriptural authority he says, "If any man among you lays claim to be spiritual, or spirit led, let him acknowledge that the things which I write unto you are the commandments of God." It is the glory of Baptists that the Bible is the foundation of their being. To destroy faith in it is to remove all reason for our existence. There can be no permanency for any group who depart from this faith.

The other condition for our continued existence is closely linked with this, a consuming love for lost souls. Our evangelism and missions have made us what we are. And our continuance and growth depend on our following in the footsteps of Him who came to seek and to save the lost.

MADISON COUNTY WILL VOTE ON BEER AND WINE DEC. 1, 1936

At the recent session of the Madison County Baptist Association, held with our Center Terrace Church, resolutions were adopted, to request an election to vote on the question of the sale of beer and wine in the county. A committee was appointed, consisting of J. W. McKay of Center Terrace Church, brother R. F. Beck of the First Baptist Church of Canton, and brother J. E. Lane of Flora, to secure the required number of signatures to order the election. They, together with sub-committees, within one month secured 150 more names than was required. The petition was presented to the Board of Supervisors, on Monday the second day of November. They ordered the election for Tuesday, December 1, 1936.

We feel very sure it will carry by a large majority. I hear that some communities will give 100 per cent vote for defeating the beer bill. Let all people who want the right to prevail, remember us in this fight. We rejoice at the seven counties that went dry on November 3rd.

Sincerely,

M. J. Derrick

MANY CHINESE OFFICIALS ARE CHRISTIANS

Last August while the missionaries of the Interior Mission were on vacation on top of Kikungshan, Missionary Phil E. White wrote:

"It was a pleasure of the resort to have Governor Shang Chen of Honan to visit us last week. While here he attended worship in the general Assembly Hall, and he played tennis on the public courts. With Governor Shang was Mr. Yin, the Provincial Treasurer, of Christian reputation. Mr. Yin preached last Sunday evening in the local church to a large congregation of Chinese and foreigners. It is encouraging to see men of prominence witnessing unto the Lord."

Hollandale has secured a pastor in the coming of Rev. E. L. Douglas who comes from Hertiz, Ark. He is a Mississippian who has labored of late years in other states and his friends here gladly welcome him back home.

Awaiting the coming of Pastor F. K. Horton on December 1, the church at Columbia had on the first Sunday in this month Luther Holcomb, Jr. The house was packed to hear him, because the people know him as a small boy when his father was pastor here some twenty years ago. Next Sunday they are to have Dr. M. O. Patterson, head of the Bible Department in Mississippi College, but who was born and reared near Columbia. They esteem him most highly. Last Sunday they listened morning and evening to the editor, and treated him cordially. In the church are at least three deacons who were students in Mississippi College when the editor was pastor. Hon. Toxey Hall, Judge Harvey McGehee and Prof. Stubblefield. With the first and his wife we spent pleasant hours in their hospitable home.

LET'S GO

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

"Ask the People and They'll Subscribe"

THANK YOU

Because it takes so much space we cannot longer publish names of new subscribers. However, we shall try to give the names of those sending in clubs of subscribers.

Mrs. Roy Lewis, Winona Route 1; Rev. J. E. Barnes, Ocean Springs; Mrs. E. C. Pitts, Brookhaven; Mrs. J. C. Hayes, Greenwood; Mrs. Wallace Jackson, Gloster Route 1; W. M. Bowman, Tylertown; Rev. D. O. Horne, Monticello; Mrs. H. H. Bethune, Newton.

WANTED—MORE LIKE "SCOTCHIE"

"Greetings: You'll be glad to know that the church voted 100% to keep the Record in the budget for 1937. Scotchie McCall, Philadelphia, Miss."

(Philadelphia church is not the largest in membership in Mississippi but it has more Record subscribers than any church in the state REGARDLESS of size—183 is the number.)

WHEN GREEN MAKES THINGS BRIGHT

"Please find attached a list of 105 subscribers from Prentiss Baptist Church. Fraternally yours, L. E. Green, Pastor."

The population of Prentiss is 655 and the church membership as reported in 1935 is 276. Who will (lots could equal it) equal this?

PASTORS

Many of you can lead your church to include the Record in your 1937 budget.

Many testify to its value. Why not try it.

GOING PLACES

Lincoln County Association:

New Sight church was host to the Lincoln County Association and they proved themselves expert entertainers.

The Record circulation manager was given a good place the first morning and received a good hearing.

We have not heard better reports at any association.

Lincoln County subscribers as of October 1st are as follows: Brookhaven 72 and 28 R. F. D.; Bogue Chitto 10; Ruth 5; Norfield 1.

Wayne County Association:

"Slick" Greene is the moderator of the Wayne County Association and he makes a good one, starting, keeping and staying on time.

Slick and Bishop Varnado of State Line are bringing things to pass in cooperation with the other good pastors of Wayne County.

We were graciously received and given time to present the Record before lunch and the Cooperative Program after.

Waynesboro Baptists can teach us lots. One thing is: How to build a good church house without a crushing debt.

Wayne County subscriptions are recorded thusly: Waynesboro 28 and 5 R. F. D.; Clara 3; Winchester 1; Bucatunna 4.

Newton County Association:

Newton County folk certainly attend their association. Pinkney church certainly fed them physically and Montie Davis' sermon fed them spiritually.

Subscribers in Newton County are listed as follows: Decatur 42; Hickory 29; Little Rock 8; Newton and R. F. D. 66; Stratton 7; Chunky 7; Conehatta 3; Lawrence 1.

Walthall County Association:

Dinan church, the youngest in the association, proved delightful hosts for the Walthall Association. A good program, a good dinner, a large

crowd made this one of the best associations attended.

No more cordial welcome was accorded us anywhere than at Dinan. And we received the largest number of subscriptions save one of any association visited.

Walthall County has the following number of subscriptions listed: Tylertown 73 and 14 R. F. D.; Lexie 2. (These figures do not include the ones taken at the association.)

Jeff Davis County Association:

Moderator Solon Walker had provided a good time the first morning for visitors to speak and we divided the 60 minutes given us between the Record and the Cooperative Program.

Jeff Davis County is one of the leading counties in subscribers. Prentiss 32 and 11 R. F. D., (105 came yesterday from Prentiss church); Carson 28; Bassfield 18 and 12 R. F. D.

ET CETERA

Because of limited space we can only mention some recent visits and thank both pastors and people for the cordial reception and ready response.

Our visits included efforts in behalf of the Record and the 5,000 Club: Crystal Springs, New Albany, Holly Springs, Tupelo, Baldwin, Meridian, New Hebron, Pleasant Hill (Lawrence County), Bethlehem (Lawrence County), Biloxi, Gulfport, Forest, Newton, Bay Springs, Quitman, DeKalb, Philadelphia, Hickory, Carthage, Hattiesburg, Columbia, and Pontotoc.

It can be done. Pastor L. E. Green sends 105 subscriptions from Prentiss.

Highland Church in Meridian suffered a \$1,500 fire recently. Fortunately the loss was covered by insurance.

The Wallerville Church began tearing down their old building this week to make way for their new church building.

Dr. and Mrs. M. P. Hunt of Louisville, Ky., have just celebrated fifty golden years of wedded life. Many more to you, beloved.

Ouachita College, Baptist of Arkansas, suffered a \$35,000 fire loss a few days ago. It occurred in a building used by the R.O.T.C., partly covered by insurance.

The newspapers have had much to say in recent weeks about one "Wallie." If she wasn't common beforehand, the papers have done all they could to make her common.

Thanks for invitation to attend the inauguration ceremonies of Dr. C. S. Green as president of Coker College, Hartsville, S. C., Dec. 1, 1936. Here's where our old friend Dr. W. H. Morgan is doing excellent work.

Mrs. R. W. Hall of Clinton announces that celebrating Focus Week for the Royal Ambassadors, there will be a meeting of representatives of all the R. A. chapters in Hinds-Warren Association Friday evening, November 20, at the Baptist Church in Clinton. A good program and a cordial invitation for all.

The daily papers a few days ago made quite an ado about Birmingham seceding from Alabama. The state is dry. The city assumes to be wet. Recently the city officials have refused to enforce the law, and announced their purpose not to do so. These same men are required when they take office to swear that they will enforce the laws of the state. It used to be supposed that men were sent to the penitentiary for perjury.

The release of ministers from anxiety regarding their own helplessness and the future of their dependent loved ones; the release of the churches from the fear of having older ministers become infirm on their hands; these are by themselves consideration enough to convince churches of the value and importance of the ARE SECURITY PLAN. Write to Thomas J. Watts, Executive Secretary, Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Texas.

PAYING OUR PLEDGE

The editorial in the Record of October 22nd, under the heading, "AND WE OWE THIS," was most timely—just what we Baptists especially needed, since we have been somewhat tardy in the redemption of our pledge to our colleges.

This editorial stirred the writer to the re-reading of this pledge as contained in the Minutes of the proceedings of the State Convention at Grenada in 1932, beginning on page 75. It is believed that Baptists as well as all friends of christian education will profit by reading carefully this pledge.

God is not slack concerning his promises and would not have his people slack concerning theirs. In truth, God has not promised success to his own who are neglectful of their financial obligations to his cause and among themselves. Mississippi Baptists need to do some serious thinking and earnest praying. The Convention, as seen made a joint pledge to its three colleges and the friends of christian education. This pledge is in writing and is susceptible of one interpretation only. It is in the form of a preamble and resolution, adopted without a dissenting vote, as will be recalled by those attending that session of the Convention. The resolution stated the Convention's program with reference to its three colleges therein mentioned, and set forth in specific language the pledge of the Convention to them. It committed the Convention to the endowment of said colleges to the extent of \$500,000.00 each. It provided for the immediate completion of the endowment of Mississippi College and for the final completion of the endowment of the others. Bonds were immediately issued in the sum of \$250,000.00 on behalf of Mississippi College, on the strength of which \$125,000.00 was secured from abroad, bringing its endowment up to \$625,000.00.

This pledge resulted finally in the adding of \$925,000.00 to the endowment of the three colleges. In consideration thereof, the friends of the girls' colleges contributed \$200,000.00 to their respective endowments. This pledge as seen applied alike to each of said colleges and is indivisible. The Convention has accordingly authorized the completion of the endowment of the two girls' colleges. They are entitled to the same consideration as was accorded Mississippi College. It got its endowment completed through the bond issue without special effort on its part. The friends of the two girls' colleges subscribed liberally to these bonds and contributed liberally toward their payment. The pledge has been fully paid on behalf of Mississippi College, so that as matter of reciprocity its special friends deserve the honor of leading the movement to complete the endowment of the other colleges.

Really, the three colleges are ours. We should be loyal to them all. There are plenty of prospects within our own state to overflow them all. They need our patronage, not our censure. There should be no rivalry between them. They should operate complementary to each other.

The two girls' colleges stand in sore need of the completion of their endowments. The pledge is fourteen years of age and full ripe for redemption. Any further slackness in the fulfillment of this pledge will prove most expensive. Loss in patronage can quickly exceed the cost of fulfilling the pledge punctiliously. Baptists of Mississippi and friends of christian education generally should rally to this call. Remove from these colleges the question mark as to endowment and they will cease to tax the resources of the Convention.

God has prospered our people during the year 1936. They are well able to complete the endowment of these colleges without hurt to themselves. There is but the one honorable course, REDEEM THE PLEDGE. Delay will simply multiply the cost of performance. Let pastor and people and friends of christian education rally to this call. A small bit of universal cooperation will assure success. This appeal is made without the knowledge or suggestion of any one. Am praying that God will lead us to such success as will please him. Will each reader join in such prayer until victory comes?

S. E. Travis.

THE PERILS OF MODERN COMMUNISM
T. W. Talkington, Crystal Springs, Miss.

(Printed by request of Central Miss., Pastors' Conference Convened in Jackson, Miss., October 12th.)

Modern communism is a very different thing from the condition that obtained just after Pentecost when, "Neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common."

Modern communism began with Adam Weishaupt, born in Bavaria in 1748. This man studied the works of the French philosophers, the outstanding ones being atheistic. He dabbled in occultism, closely allied with the devil worship and black mass practiced at that time. In 1776 (a date so dear to Americans for quite another reason) a society called, "Illuminati", was organized, a secret society whose members adopted secret names, and stood for world-revolution. It claimed to be founded by Jesus Christ, though it was anti-religious. Four college professors, who had joined it, appeared before a court of inquiry and exposed its devilish intentions.

This society stood for destruction of all governments, all religions, all private property, advocated sensual pleasures, even bringing immoral women into its meetings. They said, "Death is only eternal sleep." Historians are now sure that Illuminism was responsible for the bloody French Revolution. The watchword of their secret lodges became the slogan of the revolution—"Liberty; Equality; Fraternity."

Karl Marx, with Frederick Engels, organized the Communist League. In 1847 he issued his "Communist Manifesto." The next year he headed the communist society in Berlin. Arrested and condemned, he escaped to England, where he wrote the "Communist Bible," Das Kapital, in which he railed against capital and appealed to workers to rise and revolt. This Manifesto was Illuminism revamped, and was atheistic and anarchistic. Their cry was, "War on God! Hatred toward God! That is our Progress." Marx was a Christ-hater and cried, "Religion is the opium of the people."

These doctrines appeared and were embodied in Lenin, who became the leader of the Russian Revolution in 1915. On account of his brother, who was hanged for plotting the death of the Czar, Lenin vowed eternal vengeance against governments, society and civilization.

The Czar abdicated his throne in 1917 and a Provisional Government, the "Douma," was created under the leadership of Kerenski. The former government had exiled the anarchists, nihilists, and atheistic revolutions. These were now allowed to return by the thousands. Their hour had come. Among them were Lenin, Stalin and Trotzky.

This man Trotzky, whose real name was Bronstein, had lived in the Bronx, N. Y. In his speeches in this country he would cry, "Overthrow this rotten government of the United States. I'm going back to Russia to overthrow the government there." He did, with the help of other leaders.

A reign of terror followed, which was worse than the French Revolution. That lasted only a few weeks; this for years. Hundreds of thousands of cultured people, of the ruling class and property-owners, were murdered. They cried, "Torture, kill without mercy!" Their fury was mainly against religion, especially Christianity. It is estimated that from 1,800,000 to 2,500,000 were killed by the Bolsheviks. Churches were destroyed; religious schools closed.

Many kindergartens have been established all over Russia. Here they sow the seeds of atheism in the hearts of the small children. The Catechism begins, "Is there a God?" Answer, No. They let a child get very hungry, then say, "Pray to God for bread." Nothing happens. Then, "Pray to the Soviet god" (showing a picture of Lenin). Bread appears.

This is not confined to Russia. Socialistic-Communist schools, called by them, "Sunday Schools," in mockery, are arising in many sections of our

own land. Here God is blasphemed; and the Bible is dishonored and ridiculed.

Some of their organizations for reaching the young people of this country are, "The Young Communist League" and "The Young Pioneers." They hate our Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and the United States flag. These organizations are not only irreligious but definitely anti-religious.

Many modernistic ministers and colleges and high school teachers are now playing into the hands of the Reds, advocating the devil-inspired theories of Marx-Lenin-Trotsky and Stalin. Dr. Gabelein is authority for the statement that Revolutionary propaganda of the Reds is now carried on in no less than fifty countries but that the United States is more in its grip than any other country outside of Russia itself.

Communism is now backed by a political party in the U. S., which was founded in 1919 in the city of Chicago. It is known as the, "Communist Party of the United States" and is thoroughly organized to work in every section of this land. (Congressional Report). The "American Civil Liberties Union" is a red-defending organization, closely affiliated with the communistic movement in this country.

An infidel professor recently said, "Communism is the great religion, with Marx in the place of Jehovah; Lenin in the place of Jesus; Trotzky in the place of Paul and Stalin in the place of Peter."

The great historian Macauley made the prophecy one hundred years ago concerning America, "Your republic will be pillaged and ravaged in the twentieth century just as the Roman Empire was by the Barbarians in the fifth century. But your Barbarians will be the people of your own country and the product of your own institutions."

God, save our land from such a dreadful fate!

How can we best meet communism? Inform ourselves. Be prepared. Teach and preach Christ and Him crucified as the only remedy for the ills of a troubled world.

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Paul B. Cooper welcomed 28 into Jackson Heights Church, Tampa, in a recent meeting in which he was assisted by Glen Eric Wiley.

Texans will doubtless put up a better administration building for San Marcos Academy in place of the one recently destroyed by fire.

The people of the State of Oklahoma by a majority of 125,000 voted against repealing their state prohibition law. The world is not all bad.

A writer in the Baptist Standard says Dr. J. B. Tidwell had a wife and two children and was in the fifth grade when he was 21, and at 38 was made head of the Bible Department in Baylor University. Going up!

The man who believes the Bible in spots, or only such parts of it as suit him, may be said to have a sort of snagged toothed religion. Too many items of faith are lacking to look well. And it soon begins to tell on his spiritual digestion.

The Church at Philadelphia for the year just passing put the Baptist Record into their budget and sent it to every family in the church. This was somewhat of an experiment with them, and that it was satisfactory is shown by the fact that for the coming year it was kept in the budget by a unanimous vote of the church.

We have occasion often to agree with and admire what Editor McConnell has to say in the Standard. But we register our dissent from his opinion that it does no good for evangelists to condemn the sins of church members. We have every reason to believe that God will not bless a church nor a preacher until he testifies against the sins of his people. We may not get all of them straightened out, but we can protest against their wrong-doing. Not to do so makes the preacher and the God whom he represents a sharer in men's sins. The prophets spent a good deal of their time testifying against the iniquity of God's people. Judgment must begin at the house of God, and until we begin here we will not get anywhere. To ignore or cover up the sins of God's people is to misrepresent God, and denature the Gospel. To preach repentance to those outside the church and overlook the sins of those inside the church is utterly inconsistent and insincere.

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Kingdom News From Many Lands

CHARLES E. MADDY, Executive Secretary

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ON THE WAY BACK

Charles E. Maddy

The high water mark for missionary personnel of the Foreign Mission Board was reached in 1927 when there were 544 missionaries in the active service of the Board. The number had dropped to 375 in 1934. We have appointed sixty-eight new missionary replacements and reappointed twenty-eight during the last three years. We now have 418 active missionaries at work in fifteen foreign lands.

A pension plan for aged and infirm missionaries went into effect January 1, 1934. Each missionary pays to the Relief and Annuity Board the sum of \$2.50 per month and the Board pays \$2.50. This provides a pension of \$500.00 per year for all emeritus missionaries. There are now forty-seven emeritus missionaries receiving the benefit of this pension plan.

The Board paid \$69,000 for interest in 1932. The amount paid in 1936 will be \$13,000.

On January 1, 1933, the debt of the Board was \$1,110,000. On November 1, 1936, the debt was \$597,500.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for 1932 was \$129,687.37. The offering for 1935 was \$240,455.12.

We have eight hospitals in China and two of these have been closed for years. They were reopened last year and all of our hospitals have been repaired and greatly improved in equipment and efficiency.

Three theological seminaries have been reopened and all of our colleges and seminaries have been strengthened in missionary personnel and physical equipment.

The missions and missionary work in all countries, except Africa and Mexico, have been visited by the secretary within two years and a half. The work has been re-organized in all lands, and much progress has been made in efficiency and self-government has been re-established everywhere. Many thousands of dollars have been saved to the Board in the matter of self-support and more efficient methods of doing mission work in all countries.

The income of the Foreign Mission Board from the Co-operative Program for the current budget for 1932 was \$582,856. The income from the same source for 1935 was \$642,754. Our treasurer estimates that the receipts for 1936 will be close to \$700,000.

The first fruits of a genuine revival are in evidence in several lands. In China, a great revival has been sweeping through the interior and north China mission for over five years and there are no signs of abatement. Everywhere in South America this past summer, we saw many evidences of a deep and genuine revival wave sweeping through the churches. There is a heart-hunger among the people that is heart-breaking in its intensity. Oh, that the revival fires may soon be kindled in the churches of the homeland.

In eighteen months our bankers have voluntarily reduced the rate of interest on our loans. The first reduction came when the interest rate was cut from six to five per cent. One year later there was another reduction of one-half per cent,

and now the rate has been cut to four per cent. The credit of the Foreign Mission Board has been completely re-established.

Many of our finest young people in college and seminary are now offering themselves for the foreign fields. We want the best in all the land. We can not afford to send second-rate and mediocre men and women to the foreign fields. Humanly speaking, about the only asset the Board has on the mission field, is the personality of the missionary. Building and physical equipment are essential and helpful in preaching the gospel on the foreign fields, but if the missionary is weak and unimpressive in personality and lacking in ability, the Foreign Mission Board is severely handicapped from the beginning and the gospel is poorly represented and often misrepresented in the house of its friends. In the selection of missionary candidates, henceforth, we are going on the assumption that "many are called but few are chosen."

FINANCIAL FACTS

Receipts for October 1936 Foreign Mission Board of The Southern Baptist Convention

Cooperative Program	\$ 43,900.52
Designated Gifts	20,509.34
Debt Account	8,163.79
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	9.40
Miscellaneous Income	2,473.58
Total Income	\$ 75,056.63

A QUESTION FOR LEADERS AND PASTORS

Are you preparing for a School of Missions in your church? Every year the number of churches that are including the annual Church School of Missions in their calendar is steadily increasing. Nothing deepens the spiritual life of a church more than the information and inspiration obtained from a study of missions whether state, home or foreign missions. No church is too large or too small to have a School of Missions and the blessings resulting therefrom.

A Church School of Missions is the whole church studying together in graded classes according to a definite plan and program. The whole church needs to be informed, mobilized and set to thinking about, praying for, and giving to missions. A united effort will create interest and enthusiasm, and give strength.

Wherever it is possible the school should be graded along the same age limits as the Sunday school, but in a small church it may be advisable to group the people differently.

It is an erroneous idea that much outside help is necessary to have great results from a School of Missions. The teaching can be done by local persons or from neighboring churches. If some missionary or special worker is desired for the inspirational address, he may be secured by writing the secretary at your State Headquarters, or to the Home or Foreign Mission Boards in Atlanta and Richmond. The missionaries at home on furlough will be glad to assist in promoting and conducting Schools of Missions.

Let's make this winter a period of mission study in your church and deepen the interest of your people in kingdom work at home and abroad.

Pamphlets giving information concerning books to be used and suggestions of how to promote a School of Missions may be secured by writing to the Home or Foreign Mission Boards.—R. B. Jones.

MISS HUNTER COMPILES ALBUM

The new loose leaf Album of Southern Baptist Foreign Missionaries compiled by Miss Mary M. Hunter (75 cents) contains new pictures and new up-to-date sketches of the 418 active missionaries on foreign fields. This fourth edition of the album is different and decidedly more attractive than any of the other three compiled by Miss Hunter during the past thirty years. It is quite collegiate in appearance and fascinating in contents. As a gift, it is excellent. As a permanent book on the desk of every pastor, teacher and leader, it is an invaluable necessity.

AN EXQUISITE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Browsing around in the basement of the foreign mission building the other day, mailing-clerk Robert Mitchell unearthed a box of 300 copies of that beautiful gift book, illustrated in colors by a Chinese artist, "The Legend of Laichow" by Mrs. J. McF. Gaston, who has spent more than a quarter of a century as a missionary to China. In 1916 Fleming Revell published this lovely epic poem composed with the "hope that this story of unselfish devotion to duty on the part of a Chinese, will show to the western world the high qualities and noble characteristics which are to be found in this ancient people." In 1916 it sold for fifty cents. This season's special is only 25 cents as long as the 300 last.

CHRIST—OR HIS WIFE AND BABY

My gardener is a Christian. His wife and her parents are heathen. Several weeks ago he took his wife to church with him. The parents learned of it and objected vigorously. After a time the husband asked his wife to go to church with him again, and she went gladly. The father-in-law came to the husband and said, "We are going to take your wife away from you. We do not want her to be a Christian. Unless you are willing to give up Christianity and worship our idols we are going to take her away from you." (In Africa the father has the right to do this without the consent of either party if he returns the dowry money to the husband.) The gardener has been married three years and has one small son. He came to me and said, "I love my wife and baby—" Just there his speech was halted with tears and great emotion.—Then he said, "But I love my Christ more than all and I can't give up Christianity." I wanted him to settle the matter for himself, so I made no suggestion. The next week his wife was taken from him as he stood steadfast for Christ.—A. C. Donath, Shaki, Nigeria, West Africa.

PREACHING FROM A BOAT

I have spent a good deal of time in helping Mr. Hamlett supervise the building of the beautiful new house-boat. The yard where it was built was so far from the compound that a good deal of time was consumed in coming and going. It required careful watching. The boat was handed over to us on the eighth of July. It is a beauty and so well adapted to our needs. The windows have blinds and screens and the beds have springs. We ought to be very comfortable on it and ought to be able to reach many people with the story of Jesus who otherwise would not be reached. It just seems too good to believe, that we have such a boat. I am hoping that we can spend most of the time out in it. I am so grateful for it. I am so happy to think of being able to stay out in this country work.—Mrs. Peter H. Hamlett, Wusih, China.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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Students at Blue Mountain College who are enrolled from China. Left to right: Dorothy Yocum, Pingtu, Shantung; Cornelia Leavell, Wuchow, now of Bristol, Va.; Theresa Anderson; Canton, now of New Orleans, La.; Cora May Marriott, Chinkiang, now of Glendale, China.—From Blue Mountain College, Miss Tom Womack, Secretary. Of the above girls Dorothy Yocum, Theresa Anderson and Cora May Marriott are Margaret Fund students and are mothered by Mississippi women.

At least three weeks ago I was talking with a friend who works in the toy department of a department store. She told me that many Christmas gifts had been bought, wrapped, paid for and laid aside to be delivered Christmas Eve. Such preparation for the coming event represents preparation, assurance and devotion.

Have you made as definite preparation for your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? Christmas for Christ is our theme—let's make this a real New Testament Christmas. We have set a goal of \$12,000 as our part of the offering but I believe we can easily give \$15,000. The Lord has been good to Mississippi women this year. Will we prove our appreciation by our gifts?

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APPRECIATION AND APPEAL OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Restoration and Rehabilitation

The foreign mission work of Southern Baptists was static between the years 1924 and 1934. This decade will always be known on the mission field as the decade of lost opportunities. The Foreign Mission Board was unable to send any new missionaries during these tragic years and everywhere the property of the Board went to pieces for lack of funds for repairs. On the mission fields of the Board I have seen missionary homes, school and college buildings, chapels and hospitals rapidly going to pieces because there were no funds for repairs. Missionaries have grown discouraged and sick, waiting for missionary recruits and reinforcements that never came. Many missionaries are broken and have fallen by the wayside under the strain of it all. From a total of 544 missionaries in 1924, we fell to 372 in 1935. A total of 44 aged, sick and broken missionaries are now on our emeritus list. Surely these ten years have been years of disaster and tragedy for our foreign mission work.

But the picture is not all dark. There are lights and shadows intermingled. The first ray of dawn came with the gloriously triumphant Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of 1933. The disastrous and heart-breaking retreat of ten

years' duration was definitely checked and a decided advance was made.

The Board was able to send out a few new missionary recruits and replacements, and some equipment so desperately needed was provided. Two hospitals in China have been repaired and reopened largely through the generosity of the Woman's Missionary Union. Publication houses and Seminaries and Training Schools have been kept open and have been enabled to continue their blessed ministries because of the relief given through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

I am writing this statement in Victoria, Brazil. How I wish I could convey to the W. M. U. of the South the impressions that have come to me during the crowded days! Mr. and Mrs. Reno struggled on through thirty-one years without adequate equipment and support for the growing work. Then the gift of \$20,000 came from the Woman's Missionary Union. What did it accomplish? I can hardly believe it after seeing it with my own eyes! A magnificent, well equipped and inspiring school building that would have cost \$50,000 in the United States! Besides this, one-third of the gift was used to assist and stimulate the four churches in the city to build worthy and adequate houses of worship. The First Church would be a credit to any city in the South. The school has given us a standing in this city that never could have come to our work here, without this gift. There is a debt of \$5,000 on a property all told of \$100,000 in value. In two nights services in the church some twenty-five people made decisions for Christ during our visit in Victoria.

Pathetic indeed are the stories, that come to me everywhere on the mission fields, of long years of pleading for recruits and equipment that never came or came sometimes too late. Just as dear brother Reno secured the equipment, for which he had been pleading so long, the tired body collapsed and God called him Home.

We plead with an anxious and burdened heart for the 1936 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. If the women and W. M. U. young people of the South should fail us in this desperate hour, tragic indeed would be the plight of your Foreign Mis-

sion Board. But you have never failed us. You will not fail this time!—Dr. Charles E. Maddy, Executive Secretary of Foreign Mission Board.

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THE G. A. HOUSE PARTY AS A COLLEGE GIRL VIEWED IT

During the week-end of October 30, Mississippi Woman's College fully realized that she was hostess to the G. A. girls of Mississippi. The dormitories were filled with girls—girls of various sizes and ages, running up and down the halls and from one building to the other, slamming doors and shouting happy greetings.

It was a time of excitement for these girls who perhaps for the first time were having a taste of college life. For the girls of Mississippi Woman's College it was a happy privilege to have as their guests this group of energetic, vivacious girls, who had for a few days stepped aside, as it were, to spend a while with the Master and to gain inspiration to do bigger and better things in their own G. A. organizations.

It was a source of inspiration to be with Miss Robinson, Mrs. Shepherd and the many other consecrated workers who attended the House Party.

The programs were filled with inspiration. There were helpful and inspirational devotionals at the beginning of each session, quiet music, and enthusiastic singing of G. A. hymns by all the girls.

Miss Traylor, corresponding secretary of the W. M. U., gave a most beautiful talk on "Forget-me nots of Palestine."

Mrs. J. W. Shepherd, a returned missionary from Brazil, brought several interesting and inspirational addresses that showed the great need of the Gospel in Brazil. Her talks inspired the girls to do greater things as individuals and as organizations toward carrying the Gospel to all the world.

The coronation service was held on the last evening, giving recognition to the girls for the work they had done in attaining the various ranks.

Each of the two evenings just before bed-time the girls gathered in groups in several rooms in the dormitory for a short devotional period led by the college girls.

Mississippi Woman's College counts it a privilege to have entertained the G. A. girls and their counsellors and invites them to visit the college again whenever they have an opportunity.

—Kathryn Carpenter.

—BR—

"Facts Relative to Beer," is a paper prepared by the Anti-Saloon League for use in campaigns being carried on in many counties in the state against the licensing of liquor. It will help all temperance workers to secure copies of it from Rev. N. S. Jackson, Jackson, Miss.

—BR—

One can easily get stirred up over this matter of OLD AGE SECURITY when he begins to examine facts and figures—and yet few sermons are harder for some of the ministers to preach. If he were only a layman for that sermon! Or if it were his people, the laity, who were facing a homeless old age, and all the ministers had homes of their own, and he were preaching to them! Then how easy it would be to put fervor and heart-power into the appeal. But to seem to plead for self, for bread and clothes and shelter—no wonder many a man and his family are suffering rather than to let their wants be known.

For information concerning OLD AGE SECURITY write Thomas J. Watts, Executive Secretary, Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Texas.

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EAST MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT

By R. L. BRELAND

In Kentucky

The churches of which this writer
is the poor pastor have kindly given
him a short vacation so that he and
Mrs. Breland could visit their son,
Dr. Clyde Breland, and family in
Richmond, Ky. Consequently wife
and I left Coffeeville on October 22
and journeyed via a Ford car to the
"Blue Grass State" for a stay of
two weeks.

Our first night out was spent in
Florence, Ala., with our daughter,
Hazel, who is English teacher in
the Alabama State Teachers College
located at that place. Found her
well and busy, but she decided to
join us and make the balance of the
trip with us. All told, the journey
was about 600 miles and we were
glad to have her for she is a good
car driver and relieved the tiresome-
ness of the journey.

We found our son and family
well and happy. His wife is student
worker of the Baptist students in
Eastern Kentucky Teachers College,
located at Richmond, and she had
carried a number of the B. S. U.
boys and girls to the State Baptist
B. S. U. Convention meeting at
Bowling Green. Her group put on
a play at the convention which was
reported as a success. Her work
seems to be doing nicely with the
students at the college.

Our son had arranged for a series
of services in the First Baptist
Church of Richmond, of which he is
pastor, and put his father to preach-
ing for a few days. Our morning
services are held at 7:10, so these
cool mornings are a little trying
on the preacher; but the scriptures
say, you know, "Parents obey your
children," or that is the modern
interpretation of this passage.

The church here seems to be do-
ing well. Son has been pastor here
for eight years now. When he came
there were 250 members of the
church and they were a bit divided.
Now there are more than 600 mem-
bers and they seem to be united and
solidly behind their pastor. He

seems to have the respect and con-
fidence of all his people.

Kentucky, like many of the states,
has laid hands on many good preach-
ers from Mississippi. As I look over
the list of preachers from our state
who are serving churches here I
am reminded of what the editor of
the Record said last week, that Mis-
sissippi is furnishing many good
preachers to other states. We are
glad to do this kind of work for
our sister states.

Scanning the list of pastors I find
the names of former Mississippians
among them: Dr. T. J. Barksdale,
W. M. Bostic, W. S. Bullard, E. E.
Ballard at Louisville, J. L. Robert-
son at Campbellville, S. E. Tull at
Middlesboro, Dr. Dobbys at Sem-
inary, Louisville, Clyde L. Breland
at Richmond, Andy M. Tate at Le-
banon, E. N. Wilkinson at Louis-
ville, and I. E. Rouse.

Last Sunday Rev. Louie J. Crum-
by of Water Valley supplied for
the pastor at Coffeeville and Scuna
Valley Baptist churches while the
pastor was away in Kentucky. Also
on the fourth Sunday Rev. W. L.
Bridges of Slate Springs supplied
at Pittsboro. We thank these good
preachers for their kindness.

Kentucky is called the state where
"the corn in full of kernels and the
colonels are full of corn," the land
made (in)famous by its good old
"Bourbon Whiskey," and yet the
indications are that the state is on
its way back to prohibition. The
last session of the state legislature
passed a local option law by which
any county can vote on the sale of
alcohol. Already sixteen counties
have voted and fifteen have voted
dry. Those who are studying the
situation are of the opinion that
more than half of the 120 counties
in Kentucky will have voted dry be-
fore the next meeting of the legis-
lature. Shall Mississippi do less than
rum-soaked Kentucky? God forbid!

Next week the Baptists of Mis-
sissippi will be turning their faces
toward Natchez and the Centennial
Convention. May we praise God for
His wonderful goodness to us dur-
ing the century passed, and pray
that He will guide us to greater
achievements during the century
that lies ahead of us.

—BR—

Brother Bryan Simmons will be-
gin a meeting at Pearlinton Sun-
day, November 22, and all Baptists
in reach are urged to attend and
help put the meeting over. There
is no Baptist church at Pearlinton
and the meeting will be held in the
Methodist church house through
their courtesy.

Pearlington is on the new road
from New Orleans to the Missis-
sippi Coast not far from Logtown.
It remains to be seen whether we
can build a substantial work there.
All who see this announcement are
asked to pray for the meeting.

Fraternally,

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Lesson for November 22

AN AMBASSADOR IN BONDS

Acts 25:1-12; 28:16-31; Romans
5:1-11; Philippians 1:12-14; 4:22.

In the first lesson assigned for
Bible reading appears the occasion
for Paul's going to Rome. Festus,
the new Roman governor, had come
into the province and had gone up
to Jerusalem, where the Jews ac-
cused Paul before him and request-
ed Festus to send Paul back to Jeru-
salem under the pretense that they
wished to have him tried there, but
planning to ambush Paul's party
and kill him on the way. Festus
ordered the Jews to come down to
Cesarea where he would give them
an audience. Paul had been taken
a prisoner to Cesarea and was in
prison there at the time.

At the time appointed by Festus
the Jews appeared at Cesarea and
Festus granted the audience, Paul
and his Jewish accusers being par-
ties to it. Festus, being a practical
politician and wishing to maintain
friendly relations with the Jews,
asked Paul at the conclusion of the
discussion between him and the
delegation of Jews from Jerusalem
whether he would be willing to go
back to Jerusalem and be judged
there. For Paul to have signified
his willingness to do this would have
been to play into the hands of the
Jews who hated him, and who would
have taken particular pains to see
that he did not reach Jerusalem
alive. Paul perceived this purpose
of the Jews to kill him, and, being
a Roman citizen, he invoked his
right as such to carry his case to
the Emperor. Paul's appeal to the
Emperor showed Festus a way out
of his predicament. So he prepared

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TRI-STATE COACHES

to send Paul a prisoner to Rome for
judgment.

I. The Ambassador In His Roman
Legation. (Acts 28:16-24, 30, 31)

The omitted portions of the Book
of Acts tells the story of Paul's
journey from Cesarea to Rome. In
the passage before us we have him
in his Roman prison, whence he
proposes to preach the gospel as
widely as the Lord wills. He sends
therefore for the chief men of the
Jews in Rome and begins his work
of making known to his own people
in Rome the gospel of the Lord.
Again Paul shows himself the mas-
ter of the pleader's style in the ad-
dress recorded in Acts 28:17-20. He
begins by seeking to weave a bond
of sympathy between the Jews and
himself by telling them that he has
violated no right of the people, no
custom of their race; but that he
has been delivered up to prison, and
that he has made appeal to Caesar
that he might order his case before
the highest tribunal in the world.
Then he goes to tell them that he
has now sent for them that he might
speak to them concerning the age-
old hope of Israel that a redeemer
would come to them from God be-
cause of the belief in which hope
and in the realization of which hope,
he had been bound with chains.

This speech so far won the Jews
that they not only told Paul that
that they had heard no ill report
of him, but that they were willing
to hear what he had to say on the
subject of the hope of Israel. They
had heard only that the sect of the
followers of Jesus was everywhere
spoken against. Now, put yourself
in Paul's company and try to see him
and hear him as he pleads with
est city of the world to accept as
Lord and Master, Jesus.

Sent to Rome as a prisoner to

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Miss Natalie Purdom of Georgia, new assistant professor of music and director of the orchestra of Blue Mountain College.

JOYOUSLY GIVEN

The following, taken from the Brookhaven Leader and sent by Mrs. B. T. Hobbs, deserves recognition and reading:

To the W. M. S. of Brookhaven it was announced that Mrs. W. F. Gordon, Sr., wished to donate through the organization five hundred dollars (\$500) for the redecoration of the main auditorium of the Baptist Church, and the rehabilitation of contiguous offices and the lobby on the second floor. To the twenty-five or more women present the announcement came as a decided surprise and was received with acclaims of gratification and delight. Committees were appointed to set about the work "at once" as the donor stipulated in making her generous gift, honoring the administration of the pastor who has ministered to Mrs. Gordon in her bereavement and affliction.

Honoring, too, her lamented husband who passed into "the rest that remaineth" several months ago, the fund created through Mrs. Gordon's lead, will be known as "The W. F. Gordon Memorial Fund." Mr. Gordon, although his way became shadowed by blindness and his hearing was seriously impaired, maintained his fidelity to the church to the end of the way.

Mrs. Gordon is advanced in life and had the misfortune to fracture her hip about five years ago, with the result that she is permanently disabled and unable to take part in activities she delighted in, in her earlier years, when her lovely, colonial home near Hermanville, Claiborne County, was the mecca toward which all footsteps turned for hospitality at the great church gatherings of that time as well as social affairs.

Mrs. Gordon's generous gift exceeds any single donation the church has received at one time, since the building was constructed twenty-five years ago and will inspire the membership throughout the entire congregation.

Another phase of this story should be told in that several weeks prior to the donation noted, a resolution had been requested by Mrs. Myers, leader of the Janie S. Graves Cir-

cle, asking the Executive Committee to recommend the establishment of a fund for the very purpose designated by Mrs. Gordon, but without her knowledge. Before the resolution could be placed before the committee, the gift came without solicitation and the way was cleared for the cherished object of a number of members to whom the proposition seemed "afar off" or impossible for lack of funds.

ORANGES AND OPPORTUNITY

McAllen, Texas, "in the valley," was a delightful place of opportunity for about 12 days with Pastor H. W. Shirley and his folks. The emphasis was to be on young people and church administration in a revival atmosphere. Conferences were held with young men and young women using a problem sheet as a basis of discussion. Some loyal and lovable young people stand by the Cross there. Conferences were also had on B. T. U. and Sunday school work.

Brother Shirley was particularly burdened because no conversions were had in his last two meetings. We prayed and preached and praised and notwithstanding numbers of us were a bit straitened in the crisis only two came on the first invitation which was delayed until the last day. That night on another invitation five came and again our hearts were heavy. The regular invitation was closed. Some young men were noted talking among themselves. A wise Sunday school superintendent saw it and stepped to their sides saying the word that helped them march down as four soldiers of the Cross. Two other young men came making eleven in that service. The Spirit was in the service, barriers were broken, the invitation was renewed and one at a time seven others came and many for reconsecration.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley made us at home in their house. On the trip many interesting sights greeted us at Houston, Brownsville, Austin, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Dallas and also at Reynosa and Matamoras, Mexico. Psalms 103:1-2. Psalm 24. Numbers 6:24-6.

Yours in Him,
D. A. (Scotchie) McCall

DEATH—LIFE—WHICH?
Mrs. Norma S. McGuire, B. B. I.
New Orleans, La.

One Saturday night in a street meeting on Dryades Street I was the organist. The preacher's message was entitled "Death."

Among the group of people who had gathered near to hear the message and song was a Negro woman. She "drank in" every word which was spoken, and when the invitation for prayer was given she immediately held up her hand. A man was standing near, who when the invitation was given showed no concern at all. The Negro woman noticed his lack of response and said to him, "Why don't you hold up your hand? . . . Don't you want to be prayed for? . . . Man, you better hold up your hand." The man gave her no answer.

As soon as the meeting was over I rushed to this Negro woman to do

personal work. Tears were in her eyes, and she was much concerned about her lost condition. She had been christened a Catholic when a child, but had failed to make the sufficient number of communions. She was of the opinion that these communions were her only hope for salvation. This was my opportunity to present the plan of salvation, and I did to the best of my ability, praying that the Holy Spirit would lead me. I tried with all earnestness to lead her to know that there is no church, no communion, no earthly thing that can take her to Heaven, and that our only hope is in Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

As to the Negro woman's conversion, I am not sure of that, but I do know that when she heard the story of Jesus and His willingness to save us if we will only trust Him, her tears of sorrow changed to tears of joy, and she went away rejoicing instead of sorrowing. I trust she heard enough of the Truth that night to give her an eagerness to seek for more Truth in the little New Testament which I gave her.

JUNIPER GROVE

Pastor D. W. Nix has just closed a revival meeting at Juniper Grove in Pearl River County, in which he did his own preaching. There were six additions to the church, five by baptism and one by letter. This was our second meeting this year, the first one being conducted in May with 34 additions.

This closes Pastor Nix' first year at Juniper Grove with a total of 45 additions during the year. The interest is gradually growing and the new year looks hopeful.

We are launching a building program in which we hope to raise and spend \$2,500.00 in the completion of our new building. We covet earnestly your prayers for our success.

S. E. MISS. PREACHERS' CONFERENCE

The Southeast Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference met at the First Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss., last Monday, Oct. 19th. A number of preachers from different sections of southeast Mississippi were present. A splendid and helpful program was rendered. The high point of the meeting was a sermon delivered by Pastor W. A. Green of Waynesboro. His theme was "Deserters," using as a text II Tim. 4:10.

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All ministers of this section are urged to attend, and visitors will always be welcome.

Yours in service.

A. B. Pierce, Secty.

The rhetorician who laid down the rule, "Never use a preposition to end a sentence with," has been outdone by the child who asked, "What did you bring that book to me to read to out of for?"—S. S. Chronicle.

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A GREAT EXAMPLE FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Ezra 7:10

Ezra was a great scribe in his day. As an outstanding leader of his people he conducted one of the expeditions on their return from captivity in Babylon. We have Bible characters as examples. Those whose lives are sinful are pictured just as they are to serve as a warning to us. The beautiful lives of others are also given as an example for us to follow. Ezra is one of the finest examples in all the list of Bible characters. In this verse of scripture, Ezra 7:10, he set an excellent pace which, if we imitate, will require a great deal of spiritual energy and mental effort.

He first caused his heart to be prepared to seek the law of the Lord. One great defect with many of us who are posing for spiritual leadership is that we do not study diligently enough the word of God. Too often it is the case that a preacher will choose rather to change to another field of labor than to go into the Bible and bring out new truth to his people. One has not learned all there is to know, neither has he learned enough, just because he has completed his college and seminary courses. A preacher's life and ministry, in order to be a success and to bring glory to our Lord, must be one filled with diligent spiritual, mental and physical labor. There will always be new truth to be revealed to the earnest seeker of the word of God. The same Spirit who inspired the Scripture will be with us to reveal its teachings to our minds and hearts if we will only apply ourselves and surrender to His leadership. This is a definite promise of Jesus in Jno. 16:13, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." If we, like Ezra, would only prepare our hearts to be diligent students of God's Book, our ministry would be much more fruitful and effective in our respective fields.

Ezra went a great deal further than just to study the law of the Lord. He set his heart to practice its teachings. He did not "look into the perfect law of liberty and go his way and straightway forget what manner of man he was." The truth that was found in the law became a vital part of Ezra's life, and came to fruition in the development of high moral excellencies. This will also be true of the modern preacher or leader. Certainly, before we are capable of leading others, we ourselves must be properly informed about the Bible and then be consistently demonstrating its teachings in our lives.

There was still another feature of this scribe's ministry which causes him to stand out from the crowd. He "taught in Israel statutes and judgments." There is a great need today, of all days, for expository preaching and teaching of the Scripture. This great man of God first studied the word, then practiced its teachings and then taught it to others in Israel. No person can be consistently qualified to teach or to preach the Bible un-

less it is practiced first in his own life. So few of us today are really teaching the word. We often teach and preach something about the Bible, but there is far too little real Bible preaching. Ezra taught statutes and judgments. Not only was his preaching of a doctrinal nature, but he also taught concerning God's punishment for sin. There is also some room today to proclaim God's righteous indignation against sin and His coming judgment upon the present evil world. May the Lord help us all to follow this fine example of Ezra to study, to practice, and to teach the word.

Sincerely submitted,
H. T. Sullivan
Longleaf, La.

A HAPPY CHURCH AND PASTOR

Thirty years plus one month is the length of my imperfect service as pastor of the Batesville Baptist Church.

They have indeed been happy years. No pastor ever had a more considerate, sympathetic and loyal group to minister to in sacred things, than I have had. I came to the pastorate under very unusual circumstances.

The former pastor, the sainted A. A. Lamar, fell asleep in Jesus.

The church prayed continually to our Heavenly Father to send them an undershepherd of His choosing.

After four months of praying it was suggested that a ballot be cast without nominations and if any one preacher received a majority of the votes cast he would be considered the Lord's choice. If no preacher received a majority, a second ballot would not be cast but the church would continue to pray until some one felt led of the Spirit to ask that another ballot be taken. It was further agreed that if any one did not feel impressed to vote for any particular preacher he or she would cast a blank ballot.

The ballot was then taken and more than eighty per cent of those voting cast their ballot for me.

I was notified of the call by eight brethren in a closed room forty miles from Batesville. These brethren after telling me of the circumstances under which I was called requested that I should not say not to the call until I had prayed over it as earnestly as they had. I have no more doubt that the Lord called me to Batesville than I have that He called me into the ministry. I have had more or less doubt at times as to the wisdom of remaining so long but none whatever as to my call here more than thirty years ago. Only a few years after I came the membership remodeled the house of worship, adding to the seating capacity and the Sunday school equipment. A few years later there was necessity for still further enlargement. Accordingly a house of worship was erected suited to modern church activities. At the time we entered it we owed a considerable amount of the cost of erection. We have never formally dedicated or set it apart to the purpose for which it was erected, because the pastor and membership have not thought it fitting to present the Lord a house with a mortgage on it.

The debt has been recently paid in full and the mortgage duly cancelled.

We are now in a position to dedicate it. Sunday morning, Nov. 1st, was the time agreed upon to formally present it to the Lord. The woodwork has been recently repainted and the necessary repairs made.

We have some money in the treasury for the Cooperative Program and the Five Thousand Club. All debts are paid in full. We owe mankind nothing but to love them and to preach a pure gospel to them. We are indeed a happy old pastor and a happy church.

Rejoice with us.
J. W. Lee

HOSPITAL HEADACHES AND HEART BALMS

By Louis J. Bristow, Supt.

Experiences of a Baptist hospital superintendent are varied. Faced always with the difficult problem of paying expenses, the superintendent is given many a headache by ungod Samaritans. These folk volunteer to bring to the hospital as free patients many sick folk, and they greatly enjoy being regarded as "good Samaritans." They revel in the expressions of gratitude of the patients whom they bring, but alas! these Samaritans depart without handing the host a penny or making any provision for meeting the expenses of those whom they bring in. They get the praise they are seeking, and the superintendent gets the headache.

But there are others, and these bring the heart balm. It was only last week that good woman in Oklahoma, reading a story of a certain case in the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, sent us \$500, and another dear old woman sent one dollar, and another ten, and so on. These were really Good Samaritans, and more.

As I entered the hospital one day last week I met a fine Methodist brother, whose daughter was a patient. In conversation with him he

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New Orleans, La.

Teacher: "Robert, who were the Pharisees?"

Robby: "The Pharisees were people who fasted in public and in secret devoured widows' houses."—Boston Transcript.

Rastus: "Ah heah's you's bin pretty sick, Sambo."

Sambo: "Yeah, man; I'se bin so sick I looked in the dead list ebery night foh mah own name."—Ex.

Little George: "Do you ever have family prayer before breakfast?"

Little Albert: "No, we have prayers before we go to bed. We ain't afraid in the daytime."—Ex.

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LOOK FOR THE BAYER CROSS

The Children's Circle

MRS. P. I. LIPSEY

My dear children:

Here I am in my son James' home, ten miles from the Union depot, Memphis, Tenn., where I've been since early afternoon, Monday. Monday morning, about quarter to five, I set out from Jackson, as the guest of two friends of mine, in their Plymouth car. They were going to Kentucky, and offered to take me as far as Memphis, where, if you remember, Adele and Mary and Jimmie live. Little Grace, three months old, with lovely dark eyes and hair, pink tinted skin and sweet, tiny mouth, also lives with them now, and is much beloved. The first half of the journey was very pleasant, but about half-way we ran into rain and sleet—and detours. However, we reached Memphis by dinner time, and did not mind any longer the stormy weather which was there, too. The sweet home and dear children and grandchildren all gave me glad welcome.

Yesterday afternoon, little Jimmie was excited by some strange letters in the sky, and we all went out where we could see them more clearly. The strange thing to me was that the airplane that made the letters, (and don't ask me how) was so far away that we could not see it, but the gigantic letters kept on being formed, until the final great T was completed. And then what do you suppose was written across the sky? CHEVROLET. As young Jimmie said, "What's written is written."

Last night, I became a member of the "Smiles Club" of this family. They had already a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and song leader. At the close of the meeting, after all had sung lustily "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag," the new member made a short talk and promised for the morrow a small treat of caramels. This caused more smiles and enthusiasm.

My pleasant visit ends tomorrow, and I will be home, I trust, some days before you see this. I have seen some interesting things. One was a Noah's Ark, at least the sign on top of it said so. It was as big as a not-too-large house, on a high platform, in one of the amusement parks here. Then I went with my daughter, Mrs. Marjorie, to have her new car "inspected," which was a slow, but not tiresome business, of making sure everything is all right about a car. Many other cars were undergoing the same examination, like a race-horse showing up his paces, or preparing for a race. Perhaps daddy can tell you something about this. Did you know they took so much trouble to make cars safe for us to ride in? Thirdly, on our way up here, we saw many fields which seemed to be covered with snow, but when we got closer, it was cotton, waiting for its final picking.

I did not have time last week to speak especially of our letters, but of course you read them, from Bro. Mize, Dr. Hamilton, our friend, brother Fount Pitts, with his gift, and Ernest Clark, with J. L. Club No. 16 dues. Now I must stop, with much love to you all,

From,

Mrs. Lipsey

RAISING OF LAZARUS

John 11th

In the little town of Bethany there was a man and his two sisters who lived together: their names were Lazarus, Mary and Martha. They loved each other and also loved Jesus and he loved them. Now Lazarus was taken sick and his sisters sent Jesus this word, "Lord he whom thou lovest is sick." Jesus when he heard it said, "This sickness is not unto death but for the glory of God that the son of man

might be glorified thereby." Jesus stayed two days longer where he was, then when he arrived at Bethany he found that Lazarus had been in the grave four days. As soon as Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him and said, "Lord if thou hadst been here my brother had not died."

Her faith in Jesus was great and she said even now whatever he would ask God he would give it. She then went and called Mary. Mary too went to Jesus and fell down at his feet and the same thing Martha did. When Jesus saw them grieving he asked where they had laid him. They said come and see, and Jesus wept. He then came to the grave and said, "Take ye away the stone." They took away the stone from the tomb where Lazarus lay. Jesus lifted up his eyes and prayed and then cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth," and he came forth and Jesus told them to take the grave clothes off of him and let him go. Then many of the Jews which saw these things believed on Jesus. But later the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus to death because on account of him many Jews believed.

Who else did Jesus raise from the dead?
"I am the resurrection and life,"
John 11:25.

Mrs. Beulah Mayo

Newton, Miss.,
Nov. 5, 1936

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am sorry to be late in writing but I forgot all about it. We went to the State Fair in Jackson Thursday. First, we went to the merry-go-round, and I rode on the Shetland pony. We went to see the poultry exhibit; they only had cows and chickens there. We went to many other places. We saw monkey town but didn't get to go in. This was my first time to go to a fair.

I am sending 15c for the B. B. I girl.

With love,

Harold Bethune

I believe I was at the Fair on Thursday, too, Harold. I saw some of the monkeys, but did not go in their place, though Bettie and John Crawford did. Thank you so much for the money for Miss Mildred.

DeKalb, Miss.,
Nov. 9, 1936.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

It is near Thanksgiving and we have so much to be thankful for. We are enclosing five dollars to help make Thanksgiving a pleasant day for the orphans.

Sincerely,

James Edwin and
Elizabeth Ross

Cleburne, Texas,
Nov. 5, 1936

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I guess you are wondering why I haven't written in quite a while. I just haven't had anything to write. From now on I will try to write every once in a while.

I still read the Children's Page in the Baptist Record and like it more each time. I know that it is a very good channel through which to make friends. I received a letter Monday from Lura Clark in Wesson, Miss., and I am very glad to have her as a new friend. She is the same age as I but not as fleshy. I weigh 30 pounds more than she. I am 3½ inches taller. I have also gotten several very pretty postcards from Mrs. McCall but I have not answered them. I wrote to her today though. I hope she gets my letter.

Is it very cold in Mississippi? We have had a few big frosts here already. The weather is so changeable out here. Monday it was sleet-ing; Tuesday it was hot; Wednesday

it was real cold again and today it is hot.

Did Mississippi vote wet or dry the third? I hope it was dry. Most of Texas is wet but I believe or know that Johnson County, the county in which I live, is dry.

Love,

Tommie Lee Hellen

We have been dry by large vote in Mississippi for several years, for hard liquor, but counties have been voting out beer, one by one, lately. We have now, I think, thirty counties which have done this and we'll get them all dry, totally, in course of time. Please God.

Clarksdale, Miss.,

Nov. 6, 1936.

Orphanage \$2.00
B. B. I. \$1.00

J. L. Club No. 4.

Friend

Always glad to hear from you, Mrs. Friend. I'm sending many thanks for the money, and the kindness of the sender. I should have been glad to see you last Monday when passing through Clarksdale, but the weather was too bad for us to stop.

MISSISSIPPI AND THE BAPTIST RESCUE MISSION

The superintendent has just enjoyed unforgettable experiences in visiting a number of associations in the state. Without a single exception he was received most graciously and given opportunity to tell of the Lord's wonderful dealings with this work. I feel sure that the Mission will be enriched by the many new friends thus made. A profound interest is everywhere manifested in our endeavor to give help to girls that have been led astray, and so far more young unmarried mothers have come to us from Mississippi than from any other one state.

This has been our most encouraging year,—around 700 have been won to Christ as we believe, and the Woman's Home has found so real a place in the sympathies of our people as to assure its future. In the purchase of the property used by it by the Home Mission Board, full guaranty is made of its continuance as a definite department of this rescue work.

Attendance on our night services is now steadily increasing, and soon we shall be again over-run by crowds, greatly beyond our capacity. To feed and give beds to these hungry and discouraged men and boys is quite beyond our ability unless liberal support shall come from the friends of this work. Four months of marvelous evangelistic opportunity are now before us.

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J. W. Newbrough, Supt.

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RESOLUTIONS

Passed by Unanimous Vote of the
Hinds-Warren Baptist Association,
on October 22, 1936

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"Whereas, Drunkenness and crime as a result of drink is increasing alarmingly and a condition exists which is becoming intolerable;

And whereas, This condition followed legalization of the sale of beer and wine;

Therefore, Be it resolved, First, That we as Baptists, citizens of Hinds County and Warren County are ready to cooperate with other groups in a campaign to vote out beer and wine from Hinds and Warren Counties;

Second, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with other groups relative to a proposed campaign;

Third, That we, the Hinds-Warren Baptist Association in session, express our very grateful appreciation to Governor Hugh L. White for his stand against lawlessness and pledge our full support in putting down evil;

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be given to the Baptist Record, the Clarion-Ledger, the Jackson Daily News, Vicksburg Post and Vicksburg Herald, and the county papers."

—BR—

S. S. ATTENDANCE NOV. 15TH.

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Jackson, First Church	912
Jackson, Calvary Church	925
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	608
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church	201
Jackson, Parkway Church	224
Jackson, Northside Church	131
Columbus, First Church	644
Laurel, First Church	483
Laurel, West Laurel Church	581
Laurel, 2nd Ave. Church	248
Laurel, Wausau Church	59
Mt. Oral Bap. Ch. (Jones Co.)	94
Beulah Bap. Ch. (Jones Co.)	68
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AUBER J. WILDS, General Secretary

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Clay Associational Training Union Has Interesting Record

A recent report of the Clay County Associational Training Union reveals interesting activities as reported below. At the District Training Union Convention held in Calhoun City in June our association was well represented. One of the churches—Pheba—brought back from this convention the Church Attendance Banner.

At the Southwide Training Union Conference held in Ridgecrest, N. C., the last week in July our association was well represented, there being five to attend. Last year we had three to attend. Those returning this year were enthusiastic in their comments on the conference and its program. They have started plans working to raise in each of our ten churches sufficient funds to enable each church to send a representative to Ridgecrest next summer. The study, inspiration and fellowship received at Ridgecrest cannot fail to find its way into the development of bigger and better Baptist Training Unions.

Plans for promoting the five-year program of work in our association were outlined and discussed and goals set in a meeting of the associational officers held in West Point the night of September 10th. Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds, Associate Secretary for the State, conducted this meeting and challenged us to meet the needs of our association through enlistment and enlargement.

Our goals for the coming year: (1) A B. T. U. with at least a director in every church; (2) A representative from each church to the Southwide Leadership Conference in Ridgecrest next summer; (3) Several subscribers in each B. T. U. or church to the B. T. U. Magazine; (4) More study courses and more unions making the Standard of Excellence than ever before. OUR FONDEST HOPE FOR THE YEAR: That in each of our rural churches some one or more persons will recognize the need and take the initiative in leading our young people in the establishment and development of a Baptist Training Union. Don't criticise our young people for the direction in which they are going, rather criticise yourself for your failure to lead them in the direction they ought to travel.

Officers elected at the October meeting to serve until October 1, 1937 were: Director, N. E. Sumrall; Associate Director, L. O. Cummings; Secretary - Treasurer, Miss Annie Laurie Aycock; Junior Leader, Miss Effie Miller; Intermediate Leader, Mrs. N. E. Sumrall; Senior Leader, Mrs. Enoch Miller; B. A. U. Leader, D. M. Boothe; Chorister, Mrs. D. C. Fitzgerald; Pianist, Mrs. L. O. Cummings; Group Directors, Mr. Henry Ellis and Miss Naomi Dart. N. E. Sumrall, Director

Bethel In Chickasaw Association Organizes

For the first time in many years the Bethel church in Chickasaw Association enjoyed the blessing of a B. Y. P. U. Several weeks ago they met for the regular monthly services. The State Training Union was there at the request of Pastor Ray. The Training Union work was presented and following the service a number of interested young people with a few adults lingered and a union was organized. Mrs. George Dendy was elected as the director; Miss Evelyn House, president; Lynette House, vice-president; Elizabeth Dendy, secretary; Mary Ruth House, corresponding secretary; Annie Lois Harrington, treasurer; Rubye Dendy, B. R. L.; Idelle Dendy and Grace House, group captains. Congratulations to the pastor and church on this answer to the Lord's command to "Teach them to Observe."

Ridgecrest Changes Date For 1937 B. T. U. Conference

The Southwide Baptist Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest, has exchanged dates with the Southwide Sunday School Assembly for 1937. The Training Union Assembly will meet July 18-23, 1937, and the Sunday School Assembly will meet July 25-30, 1937. This is only for 1937. The reason for this change is the meeting of the Baptist Youth World Congress in Zurich, Switzerland, August 7-11, 1937. All who wish to attend the Training Union Assembly and the Zurich meeting will be able to do so. Mr. J. E. Lambdin, Southwide Training Union Secretary, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn., will conduct a party to the World Congress. The trip will cover about six weeks. If you are interested in joining this party, write Mr. Lambdin for particulars.

Oktibbeha Associational Training Moves Forward

The summer and fall months have been busy months for the officers of the Oktibbeha Baptist Training Union. Director Marsh reports growth all along the line and a growing interest. On September 27th the association officers with a group from Adaton union organized a new union at Cotton Mill Village. Oct. 4th the regular associational meeting was held with the Double Springs church. An interesting program was in charge of the Starkville union, Mr. Miles, director. The program was in the form of two interesting plays. Two group meetings are planned for the last of November, held perhaps at Self Creek and Morgan Chapel, group directors presiding. On October 25th under the direction of Associate Director Bluford Moore, two unions were organized at Wake Forrest Church. Miss Virginia Hannah was

elected president of the Senior union, and Mrs. Gus Higgs leader of the Junior Union. Other officers for the Senior are, secretary, Miss Willie Mae Berry; vice-president, Miss Wilma Fondren; B. R. L., James Bradberry. The leadership conference is being held this month and then early in December the quarterly meeting of the officers will be held. Congratulations Oktibbeha.

Rev. W. L. Marsh, pastor of the Mayhew church in Lowndes County, feels that the Baptist Training Union deserves a place in every Baptist home. He therefore is making an effort to get each family to subscribe for this periodical. The Baptist Record, the Home and Foreign Fields, and the Baptist Training Union Magazine should be coming to every home. All three can be had for one-third the price of the daily newspaper that rarely speaks a good word for Jesus. Brother Marsh we wish you success.

Oxford B. T. U.

The Oxford Baptist Church has just completed a very fine week's work in their Annual B. T. U. Training School. Following the usual plan of this church, the class work started at 5:30 each afternoon, the first period closing at 6:15. At 6:15 a delicious supper was served by the ladies of the church, free to all who were enrolled in the classes. At this period each night, there was a stunt presented by one of the classes. The last study period was from 6:45 to 7:30. There were only three classes taught this year, but 110 were enrolled in the school. Mr. George Thomas, a senior at the University taught the Junior book, "Trail Makers in Other Lands." Miss Deolece Miller, a junior in the University taught the Intermediate course, "Training in Stewardship." The church as a whole was most fortunate to have Dr. Clay I. Hudson of the Sunday School Board in Nashville to teach the Senior and B. A. U. group, using as a text book, "Growing A Church." Dr. Hudson met with various groups of church workers during the week, and in the class periods each night, giving much information as to ways of growing a larger and better

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church in Oxford. Because of the inspiration of this study, the B. T. U. department of the church is enlarging at once. The Junior B. Y. P. U. will be divided into two groups, and another B. A. U. is being organized. We are very grateful to Mr. A. J. Wilds for making it possible for us to have Mr. Hudson with us for the helpful and inspiring week in our church.

Tillis Hill,
B. S. U. Reporter

Blue Mountain B. T. U.

On Sunday night, November 15, the Extension Department of the Blue Mountain College B. Y. P. U. will sponsor a missionary program in the Ripley Baptist Church on "The Light of the World in China."

This program will be given by four Blue Mountain students who are missionary's daughters from China, namely, Theresa Anderson, Cornelia Leavell, Cora Mae Marriott, and Dorothy Yocum. They will be assisted by the college quartette. Some of the features will be a Chinese song, devotional scripture in Chinese, and two challenging missionary messages. Patricia Gilpin, a member of the quartette, will bring a devotional message on "I am the Light of the World."

—Virginia Myrick, Extension
Director of B. T. U.

B. T. U. Attendance Nov 15

Jackson, First Church	154
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	271
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church	82
Jackson, Northside Church	48
Columbus First Church	144
Laurel, West Laurel Church	249
Laurel, First Church	130
Laurel, Wausau Church	32
Mt. Oral Church	62
Clarksdale Church	119
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A MARINE HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE

Mrs. J. A. Herring, Student, B. B. I.
New Orleans, La.

A few hundred yards from the Marine Hospital stands a little wooden chapel. There every Wednesday night at 7 o'clock a group from the Baptist Bible Institute holds a service and men whom an announcement to such effect has interested gather in their hospital array for worship. They are a motley group—those men—Americans, Germans, Japanese, French, Swedes, Philipinos, Negroes—all dressed alike, under treatment for wounds received or disorders contracted during the world war.

Among the bath-robe-club figures that begin to gather is one in civilian clothes and we recognize him as the young man who had requested prayer that he might believe Jesus was the Son of God. His face is beaming now and he joyfully tells us of his baptism a few hours before at Coliseum Church, proudly exhibiting a letter of dismissal which he says he means to present to the church in Danzig, Germany, his home. He says that he is waiting for his passport to go back to take up his position as a German-English interpreter.

As we bring this interesting conversation to a close wishing him a "bon voyage" our eyes fall on a patient who has entered without our notice. As he sits there in a meditative mood the very expression on his face calls up scraps of conversation that he had let fall from time to time. "At one time I was studying for the ministry." "Something got me off." "These meetings have meant a lot to me." Even as we think of these fragments that tell so much of a life and while the prayer is yet being formed in our heart that this experience may end in reconsecration, the leader announces the opening song and the meeting is under way.

Our friend of the erstwhile ministerial education is called on to sing and we discover that he has a splendid tenor voice which he handles with intelligence. His accompanist is also bath-robe-clad, a man who has often led in prayer at our services but one who being older is not so communicative as his juniors, consequently we do not have his story.

After the song service the speaker takes his place and having delivered a message showing adequately the way of salvation he gives the invitation. The congregation begins to sing,

"Just as I am without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me—"

Several Negroes file to the front and shake the speaker's hand.

"And that thou bidst me come to thee."

A white man with tear-stained face showing signs of deep emotion walks quickly up and grasps the speaker's outstretched hand.

"Oh, Lamb of God, I come, I come."

The service is closed with prayer for these and any others who lift their hands to request it and the workers sift out among the men to sow the seed where possible. A few

of the patients linger to hear more of the Gospel that leads to salvation, but oh! the pity of the number that drift back to their card games and such, their very countenances showing their unconcern. The seed in so many cases falls by the wayside and the fowls of the air come and devour it. But how we rejoice that the good soil yields such a bountiful harvest!

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Whereas, it has pleased God in His infinite and unfailing wisdom to call unto Himself, Miss Catherine Kent, our beloved friend and co-worker, and

Whereas, we lift up thankful hearts for the memory of her active and consecrated talents.

Therefore, be it resolved, by the T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, that we are sorely bereaved in the sudden loss of our friend and associate.

That, in the death of Miss Kent, our class has lost one of its most useful, most enthusiastic, and faithful members.

That, because of her interest in every phase of our class work, and her prompt response to every call, we miss the regularity of her attendance, and the zeal of her activities.

That, to the family, we extend our deepest sympathy and commend them to the Holy Spirit, God's greatest comforter.

—The Teachers, Officers and Members of the T.E.L. Class

CLARKSDALE PASTOR HELPS

It has been our good pleasure to be in two revival meetings this fall. One was with the Rev. J. W. Fagan and the Second Ave. Baptist Church, Laurel. I found this a most cordial, democratic, earnest and receptive congregation. Rev. Fagan has the unqualified support of his people. Our services were well attended and God blessed us with some 13 additions, one a man around fifty years of age. The memories of that meeting still linger with me as pleasant reminiscences.

The other meeting was with the Tutwiler Church, where my good friend, Rev. F. O. Martin is the highly esteemed and faithful pastor. The good people of this church showed a most cooperative and willing spirit. With counter attractions to be met and with some bad weather encountered, the people showed their loyalty, and the termination of the services brought the response, "we have had a fine meeting." The fellowship was enlarged by 17 members, one a man nearing the half century mark.

These two meetings have gone a long way in giving me a deeper insight into the working of Baptist churches in the State. Although taken in by adoption, I feel very

much in the spirit of a native and a loyal son, and stand ready to support the Baptist cause and the denominational program.

Sincerely yours,

N. D. Timmerman

G. A. HOUSE PARTY

Mississippi Woman's College was hostess this week-end to the State Girls' Auxiliary House Party. There were around one hundred guests representing several towns and cities.

Two of the important speakers were Miss Edwina Robinson, State Young People's Secretary; Miss Frances Traylor, Secretary of the State Woman's Missionary Union. Miss Edith Ryan led the singing, accompanied by Miss Emily Jo Denson, both of Mississippi Woman's College.

The key verse was "Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all His Benefits." Psalms 103:2. The theme was "Forget-me-nots." The song was "Go forward, Daughter of the King."

The assembly highlights were the banquet for the Queens; the Stewardship Contest, won by Miss Joy Weathersby, New Hebron; the coronation of the Queens; the Sunday morning Sunrise Service, led by Miss Polly Love, Hattiesburg; and the Sunday worship service, Reverend F. D. Hewitt, Jr., pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

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INTRODUCING DR. WOOD

I learn through the denominational press Dr. A. B. Wood, Maxton, N. C., is going to Mississippi to become pastor of the church at Forest. No man in the ministry in North Carolina is held in higher esteem by his brethren than is Dr. Wood. Mississippi is to be congratulated on securing this fine pastor.

While at Maxton, N. C., he did a fine work. As a Sunday school man he is in the front rank. His Training Union work was very fine. Under his ministry every phase of the work of the Maxton church moved forward. North Carolina can ill-afford to lose him but she yields to Mississippi knowing that she is losing one of her best men.

With every good wish for you and your paper, which I greatly enjoy reading each week, and with best of wishes for the Mississippi brethren in their great work, I am

Yours sincerely,

Perry Morgan.

SIX FUNERALS IN 7 DAYS

On October 29 at Mize I buried Mr. Lafayette Cardy, age 63 years. I was assisted in the services by Rev. Homer Ainsworth.

On October 30 I buried Ed. Traxler at Piney Grove, Polkville, age 63 years. I was assisted in the services by J. A. Williams.

On November 2 I buried Roedell Thompson, age 14 years, at Siloam, assisted by T. W. Bishop. The same day I buried Hilma Ware, 23 years old, wife of Grady Ware at Sharon.

On November 3 I buried Mrs. Sarah Harrison, age 91 years, at Hope-well, assisted in the service by Ora Buckley.

On November 4 I buried Robert Shirley at Leaf River, age 83, assisted by Revs. Childers and Carlisle.

D. W. Moulder.

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A MISSISSIPPIAN IN W. VA.

Milton, W. Va.
On December 1st, I will have completed my second year as pastor of the Milton Baptist Church, during which time the Lord has been gracious to us. We have had 112 additions to the church, most of which came by baptism. At the close of the first church year we placed \$1,000.00 in the bank to apply on a new church, which was over and above the budget. All bills are paid to date. A recent revival, conducted by the pastor, has brought on renewed spiritual fervor to every department of our church life. An all time record was established on Rally Day in Sunday school attendance. Our present church membership numbers 479.

—R. C. Cannon, Pastor

FROM BROTHER FARR

This is my tenth week here, flat of my back. Today is October 28th. Indications are very favorable toward my being here four or six more weeks. But, whatever comes or whatever goes, I am lying here reconciling myself with conditions. Nobody is to blame for this illness of mine but myself. I can't lay it on the Lord, the devil, or not even my wife. I scratched my old knee on the 8th of June, and my meeting started the 10th. If I had gone on immediately and had medical attention I would have saved all this suffering. So, it is all my fault, and I deserve to suffer.

I am very, very sorry that I am going to miss the State Convention at Natchez. I shall lie here and think of the boys on the fighting

line and pray God's choice blessings on them.

I must say that this Baptist Hospital is a wonderful institution. They are equipped here for everything and they have given me every attention that a human being could give. So, if I don't pull through it will not be their fault.

May our Heavenly Father bless every interest of our great work is the prayer of one lying flat of his back suffering.

W. E. Farr,
Baptist Memorial Hospital,
Memphis, Tenn.

HOLMES COUNTY

The Holmes County Association met with Mt. Vernon Church.

Dr. Judson Chastain was elected moderator, and Mr. Ellis Wynn Clerk.

Pastor W. R. Haynie of Durant preached the sermon. Dr. W. F. Yarborough of Pickens preached the doctrinal sermon. Brother A. L. Goodrich and Mrs. W. G. Mize represented the Record and Orphanage. Brother H. H. Webb spoke in interest of the Woman's College at Hattiesburg. The Rescue Mission in New Orleans was also represented.

The Durant B. T. U. is doing fine work. The B. A. U. is standard, the only one in the county. The Senior union holds the county efficiency banner. Mrs. W. R. Haynie is the general director.

The Durant Church leads the churches of Holmes County in mission gifts the past two years, a total of \$1,027.21 was given in 1936.

Durant Church has 24 members of the 5,000 Club about 40 per cent of the Holmes County quota.

CIRCLE AIDS M. W. C. HOSPITAL

Numerous and varied gifts showered on Mary Ross Hospital of Mississippi Woman's College will greatly facilitate the work there under the direction of Miss Essie Mae Loper, nurse and Dr. T. E. Ross, college physician.

The Dorcas Circle of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Immanuel Baptist Church sponsored the miscellaneous shower which was given Wednesday afternoon, October 21 from 3:30 to 5:00 o'clock. The Hospital was the setting for the affair and was appropriately decorated with beautiful seasonal flowers.

At the entrance to the campus, two of the college girls, Clyde Steen and Mary Ruth Eddins, welcomed the guests who, upon arrival at the Hospital were greeted by Mrs. N. L. Roberts and introduced to the receiving line by Mrs. T. E. Ross, Jr.

Those composing the line were Mrs. A. W. Petty, chairman of the circle, Mrs. R. F. Bass, president of the W. M. S., Mrs. G. M. McWilliams, whose husband is president of the Board of Trustees, and the following officers of the circle: Mesdames F. D. Hewitt, Jr., Pete Eure, A. N. Greene and W. W. Dukes, all of whom were prettily gowned.

IN CAMP

Greetings to Mississippi friends:
May I have space enough to say hello to my friends who read the dear old Record.

I miss your fellowship most keenly. I have enjoyed my work in the CCC camps in North and South Carolina very much since I began the first of July. The mountains of North Carolina are a wonderful section for summer. Their beauty and climate afforded a pleasant vacation for me. Then the rolling cotton fields of South Carolina gave me a very homely feeling. I find a most congenial group of Baptist here. They have a very optimistic spirit for their work in this state.

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—BR—
NEWTON, MISS.

Your editorial in a recent issue of the Record entitled, "Why Eternally Poor?" is one of the finest gems of truth I have heard read in a long time. I say heard, for you must know that I am so nearly blind that I cannot read any more, but have to have some one read for me.

Yes, brother, I am very poor in this world's goods, but in Jesus Christ I am rich and hope to so live and conduct myself as to lay up treasures in heaven and thus be eternally rich. I thought this little article so fine that I am clipping it and sending it to my daughter at Woman's College, that she too may enjoy its helpfulness.

May our Father's blessings abide upon you, and may you live to write many other articles of inspiration and help to the children of God.

Pray for us in our days of affliction.

Yours in Christ,
E. A. Phillips.

MALACHI 3:7-12

The greatest sin,
I'm bound to say,
Is rejecting Jesus
Till Judgment Day.

But of the many sins,
As God shall view it,
I wonder which
Shall be second to it.

I've thought of murder
And things even worse.
But there is a sin
That has God's curse.

It's in verse eight
That's shown above.
Read it and heed it
And gain God's love.

—Jas. B. Ray

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Continued from page 9)

answer for his life to the court of the Emperor, Paul concerned himself not primarily with plans for his own security, but with plans for advancing the Kingdom of his Master, and he spent his time while in prison pleading the cause not of Saul of Tarsus or Paul of Antioch, but of Jesus of Nazareth.

II. The Ambassador Pleading by Diplomatic Note (Rom. 5:6-11)

Read the first five chapters of the letter to the Romans and see in it how Paul presents the gospel

of salvation by grace of God through faith of sinful man. And first he lays down the principle that man is a sinner. (1) The sinner is weak, unable to save himself. He is ungodly, not living, thinking, loving, planning, as God would have him. The sinner is guilty of the deliberate choice of the bad. He is corrupt, being befouled and beslimed by the uncleanness of sin. He is also in his sinful state a hater of God and the godly.

(2) A salvation has been provided for this sinner. And this salvation is in the person of a man, made like other men, brother, therefore,

to all other men, sympathetic, good and godly; because He is at the same time man and God.

(3) The salvation which this savior provides is a gracious salvation. It is not deserved, it is not merited, it is not earned. It comes not because there is any good thing in natural man, but because God in Christ is gracious, loving, merciful.

III. Conditions Under Which the Ambassador Wrought for His King. (Phil. 1:12-14, 4:22).

In these passages Paul shows that all the things which his enemies had tried to do to him had fallen out for the advancement of

the gospel. The Jewish enemies of Christ had sought to stop the progress of His Kingdom truth as proclaimed by Paul, and every effort they had made had but served to promote that progress. Devilish men seek to defeat God, and the harder they fight to encompass that defeat, the more certain they make God's victory. Thus it is and has ever been.


—BR—

Friend (to hunter): "What kind of luck did you have?"

Hunter: "Bald man's luck. I combed the woods without finding a single hare."—Ex.

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